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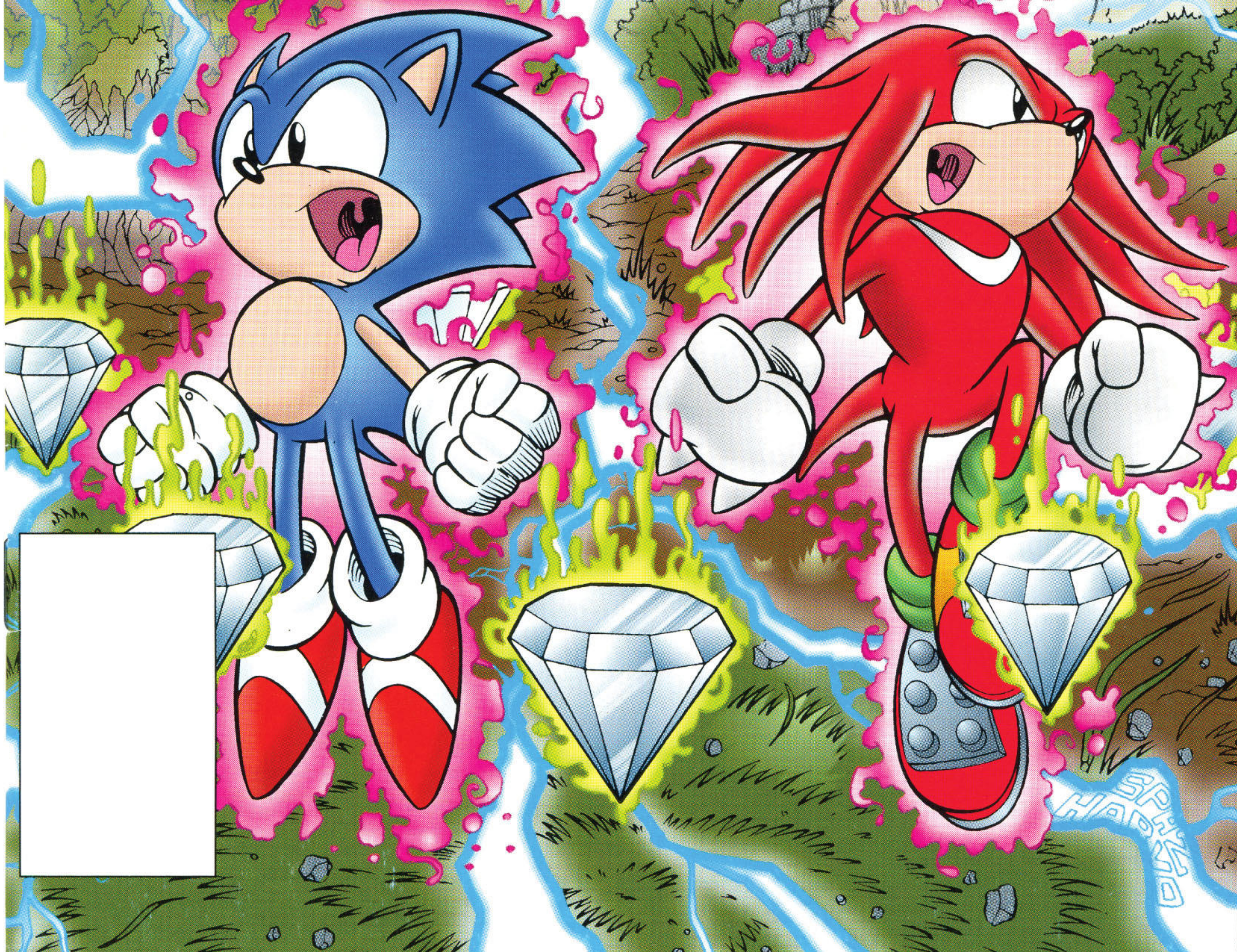
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Hyper SONIC vs. *Hyper* KNUCKLES™

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EDITION



The background of the cover is a dynamic comic book illustration. On the left, Sonic the Hedgehog is depicted with his signature yellow fur and spiky hair, wearing his white gloves and shoes. He is shown in a powerful pose, with his right arm extended forward and his left hand near his chest. On the right, Knuckles the Echidna is shown from the chest up, wearing his pink shirt and white gloves. He has a determined expression and is looking towards Sonic. The background is a complex grid of blue and white lines, with yellow and pink energy bursts emanating from the characters. The title "SONIC vs. KNUCKLES" is prominently displayed at the top right in large, bold, yellow and red letters with a blue outline. The word "HYPER" is written in a stylized, blue, jagged font above the word "KNUCKLES".

SONIC vs. KNUCKLES™

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SONIC
THE
HEDGEHOG™

REPORT TO
KNOTHOLE CONTROL
STAT! WE HAVE A
VISITOR--

KNUCKLES
THE ECHIDNA!

HERE
COMES THE
EXPRESS!

NO WAY!

CRASH
OF THE

TITANS

I'M AFRAID SO...
HE'S WALKING ALONG
THE OUTER EDGE OF
THE GREAT FOREST!

BUT HE
NEVER LEAVES
HIS FLOATING
ISLAND HOME!

*IN SONIC FRIPLE FROUBLE-ED.

THAT'S WHERE
WE TANGLED
LAST!*

I MET HIS
GREAT GRAND-
FATHER!**

**IN THE RECENTLY COMPLETED TAILS
MINI-SERIES-- Mini EDITOR

GRRRR... THAT DREADLOCKER
MAKES MY SPINES TINGLE!
HE'S UP TO NO GOOD!

...THE BORDER OF
ROBOTROPOLIS!

I'LL SHOW
YOU EXACTLY WHAT
HE'S UP TO...

THE RED
SKUNK IS GONNA
CUT A DEAL WITH
ROBOTNIK!

WE DON'T KNOW THAT, SONIC! I WANT
YOU TO GO TALK TO HIM...DID YOU HEAR?

TALK!

~sigh~ YEAH, RIGHT...
WHAT DO THE ODDS
MAKERS SAY?

FOUR
TO ONE
THEY'RE IN
A FIGHT BY
PAGE SIX!

SKREEET...

GOTCHA,
SALLY...

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MEANWHILE...

PHEW! WHAT A DISGUSTING MESS!
THESE LANDLUBBERS ARE LIVING PROOF
THAT ECHIDNA SOCIETY WAS RIGHT TO
ABANDON TECHNOLOGY AND REVERT
TO BEING ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY!*

*WHAT IS KNUX REFERRING TO? STAY TUNED
FOR SOLO KNUCKLES STORIES IN SONIC

--EDITOR

"IN FACT, THAT'S THE VERY
REASON I'M HERE...JUST
AS I WAS SAYING TO
MIGHTY THE ARMADILLO,
ONE OF THE CHAOTIX..."

I SAW IT HAPPEN!
A CHAOS EMERALD
BROKEN IN HALF!*

BUT
ISN'T THAT
IMPOSSIBLE?

FROM WHAT YOU'VE
TOLD ME ABOUT THEM,
THOSE GEMSTONES ARE
THE ULTIMATE
ENERGY SOURCE!

I WAS THERE,
MIGHTY! IT CAN
HAPPEN...ONLY I
WON'T LET IT
HAPPEN HERE!

*IN THE AFOREMENTIONED FRIPLE TROUBLE
--EDITOR

LONG AGO, WHEN MY
ANCESTORS RAISED THIS
FLOATING ISLAND INTO
THE SKY *...

... IT WAS POWERED BY
A *DOZEN* CHAOS EMERALDS...
BUT NOT ANYMORE!

*DESCRIBED BY KNUCKLES' GREAT GRANDFATHER ATHAIR IN ISSUE #3 OF TAILS' MINI-SERIES
-ED.

"NOW THERE'S ONLY *ONE* GREEN GEM
IN THE CENTRAL CHAMBER-- AND
THAT WORRIES ME!"

I'M THE *GUARDIAN* OF THIS ISLAND!
IF THAT LAST EMERALD FAILS, IT COULD
SPELL DOOM FOR EVERYONE!

HOW
WOULD YOU
GET ANOTHER
ONE?

A GOOD QUESTION...
PERHAPS THE ANSWER
LIES IN HERE!

≡gasp!≡
THE BOOK
OF MYTHS!*

*MENTIONED BY KNUCKLES BACK IN "TRIPLE TROUBLE SPECIAL"--EDITOR

HERE WE ARE..."CHAOS EMERALDS ARE MYSTICALLY LINKED TO THE MAGIC RINGS FOUND INSIDE ZONES!*

HOWEVER, LEGENDS SPEAK OF ONE OTHER LOCATION WHERE THEY CAN BE FOUND...

...THE LAKE OF RINGS!

IT IS SAID THE PASTORAL POND CAN SUDDENLY GIVE OFF A GOLDEN GLOW--

--AND A MAGIC RING BREAKS THE SURFACE!

SOME SAY THE RINGS ARE A BY-PRODUCT OF THE EMERALDS... OTHERS SAY IT IS THE OTHER WAY AROUND!

*THE SAME ZONES YOU ENTER WHEN YOU PLAY SEGA'S SONIC VIDEO GAMES--

-EDITOR

LOOK HERE..."THE RING RADIATES COSMIC ENERGY... BUT THE LAKE'S LOCATION IS LOST TO HISTORY!

MAYBE NOT-- THE KEY WORD IS "RADIATES"!

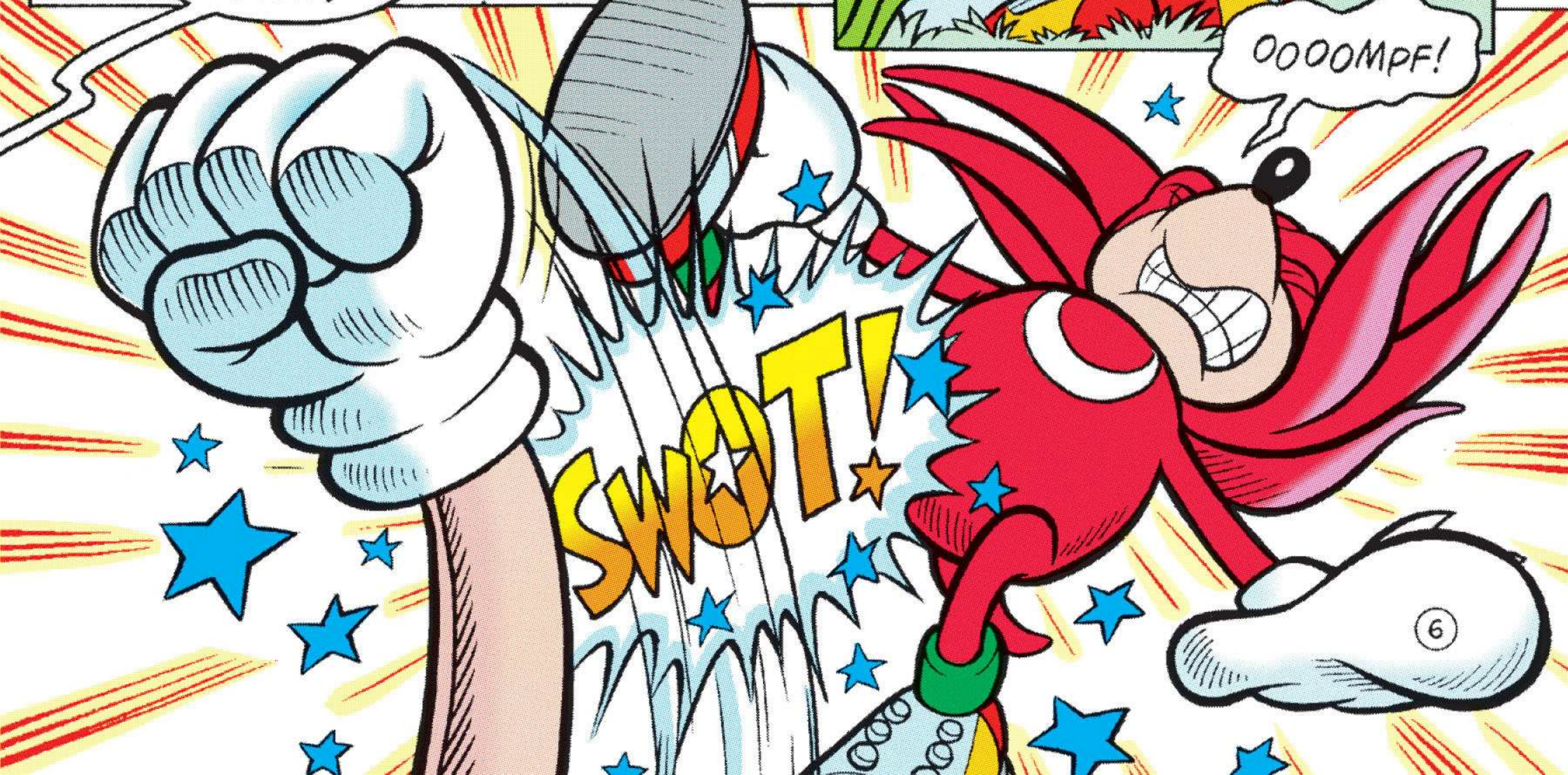
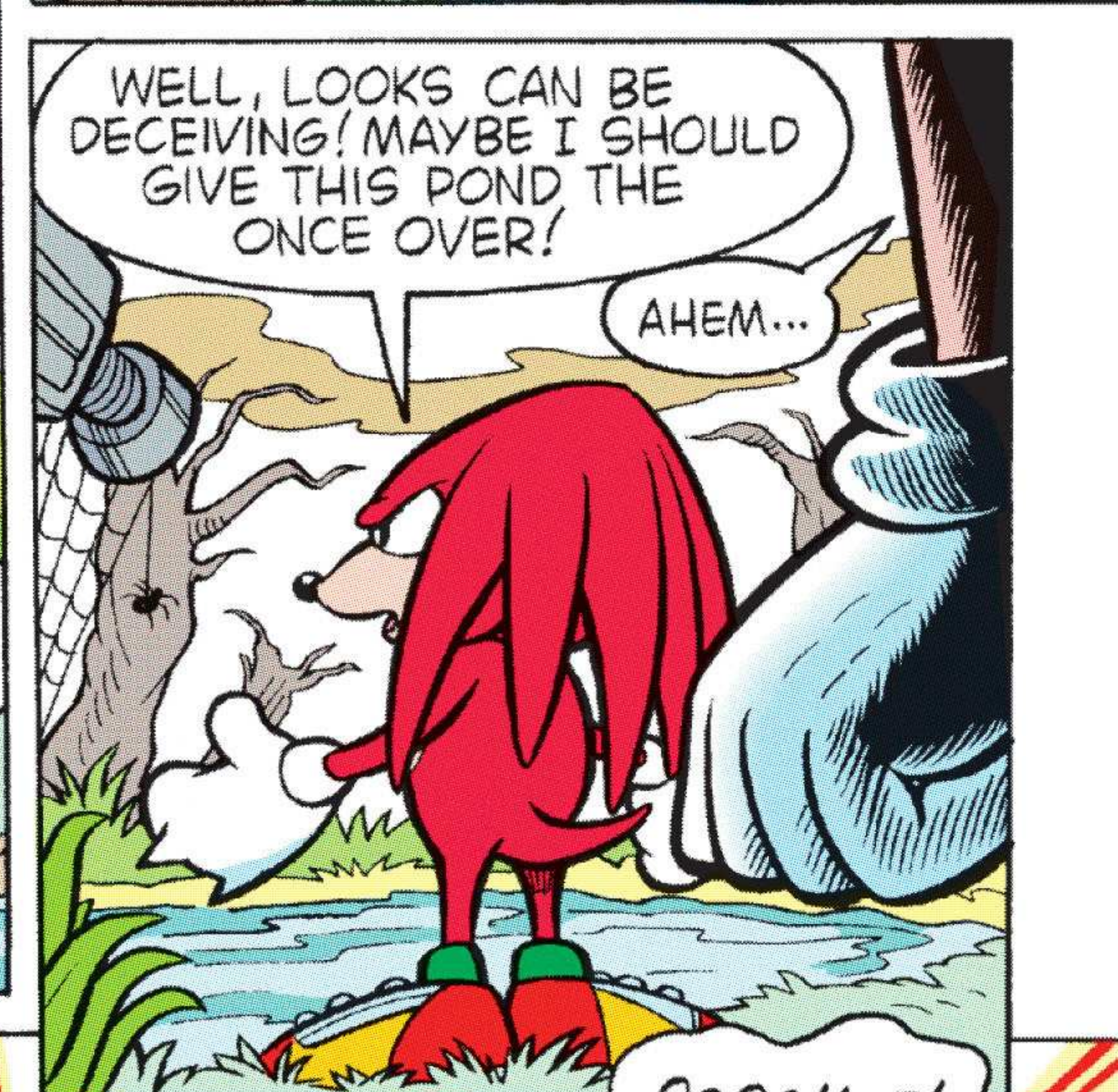
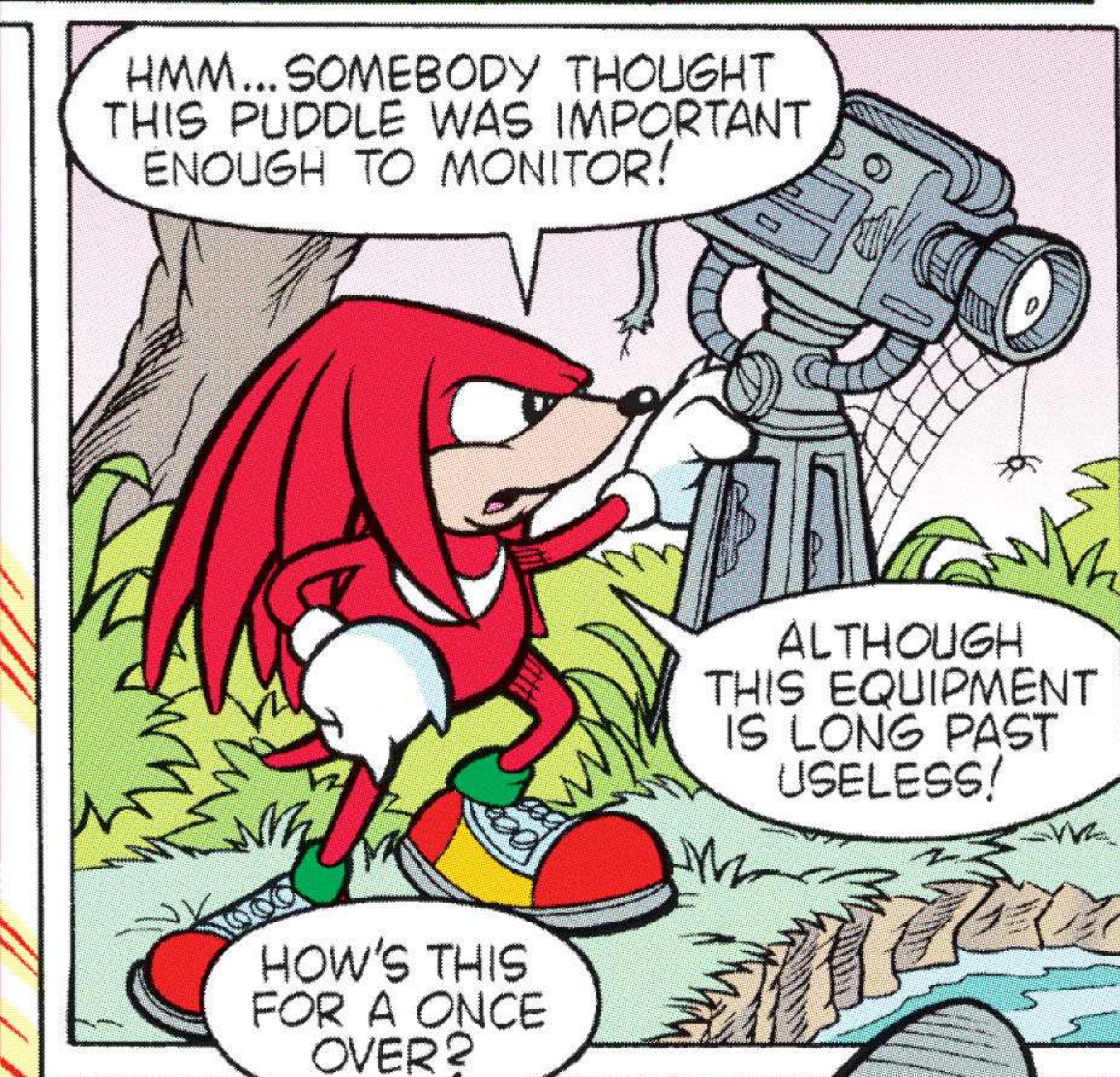
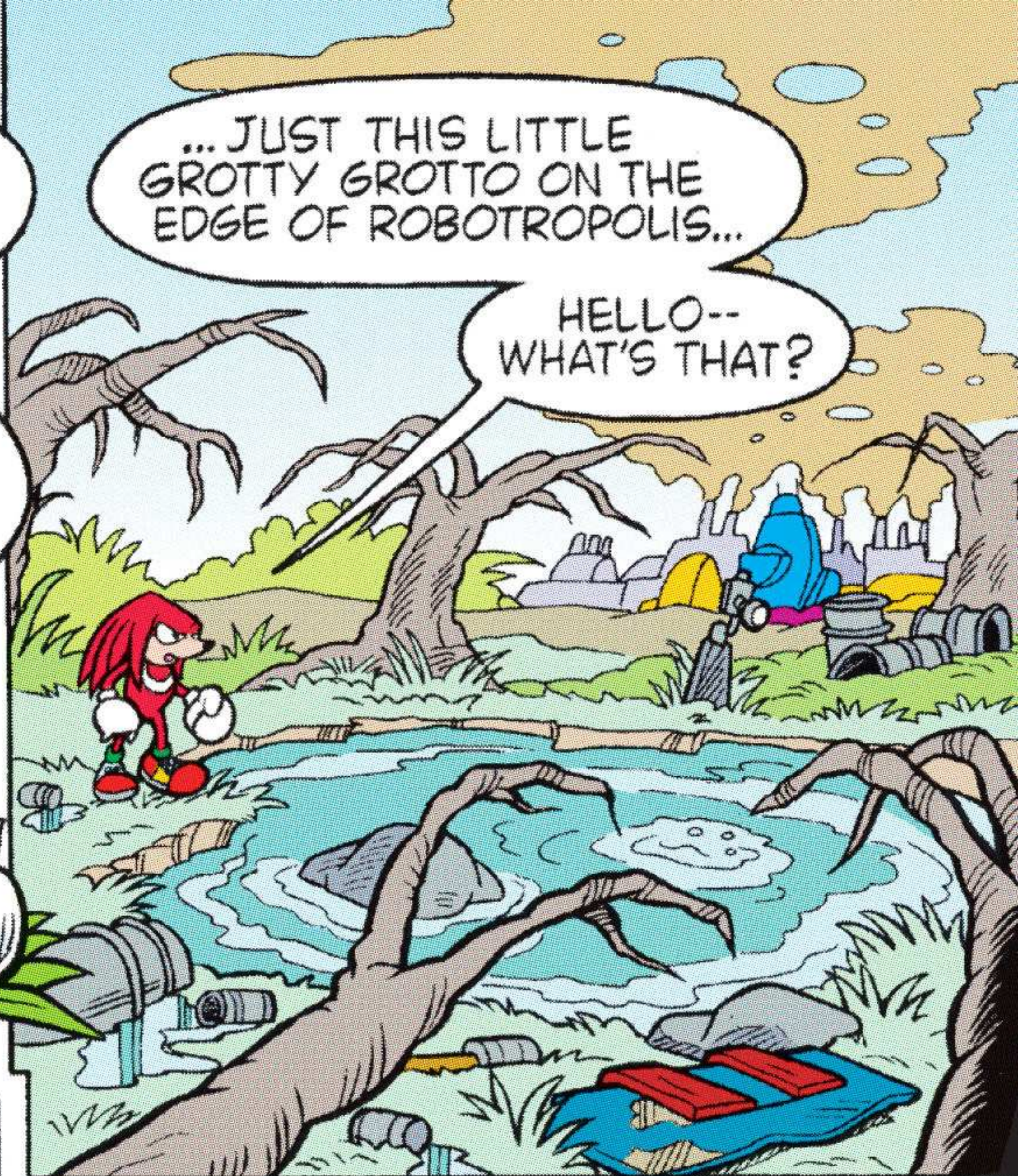
YOU KNOW THAT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG BATTLES A VILLAIN CALLED ROBOTNIK WHO LIVES IN A RADIOACTIVE CITY CALLED ROBOTROPOLIS!

SO?

SO, WHAT IF THE SOURCE OF THE RADIATION ISN'T POLLUTION? MAYBE THE LAKE OF RINGS IS NEARBY! AND WHERE THERE'S RINGS, THERE COULD BE CHAOS EMERALDS!!!

I GOTTA KNOW! MIND THE ISLAND FOR ME, MIGHTY!

DON'T WORRY! MY MATCHLESS STRENGTH WILL KEEP IT SAFE!



SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG™

KNUCKLES™
THE ECHIDNA

in **CRASH**
OF THE
TITANS

SO... YOU'RE
LOOKIN' FOR A
BRAWL, EH?

FLIP!

PART II

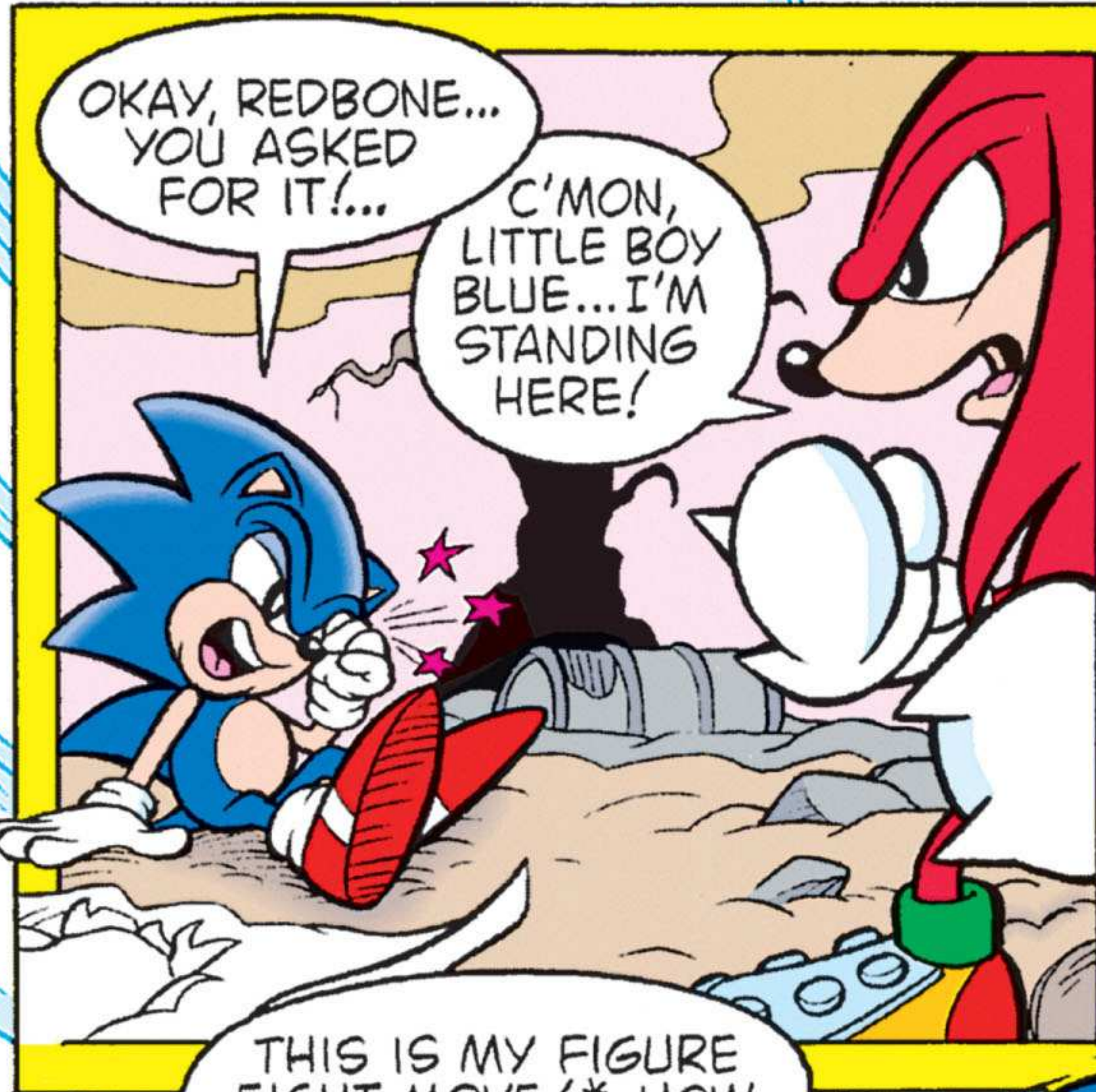
I'D LOVE TO, BUT
FIRST, I'M REQUIRED
TO READ THIS...

"I, PRINCESS SALLY--
BLA-BLA-BLA-" LEGAL
DEPARTMENT REQUIRES--
YAK-YAK-" OFFER YOU
NON-VIOLENT DISCUSSION
--ON AND ON..."

HERE'S WHAT YOU
CAN DO WITH YOUR
LEGAL DEPARTMENT!

snarl...

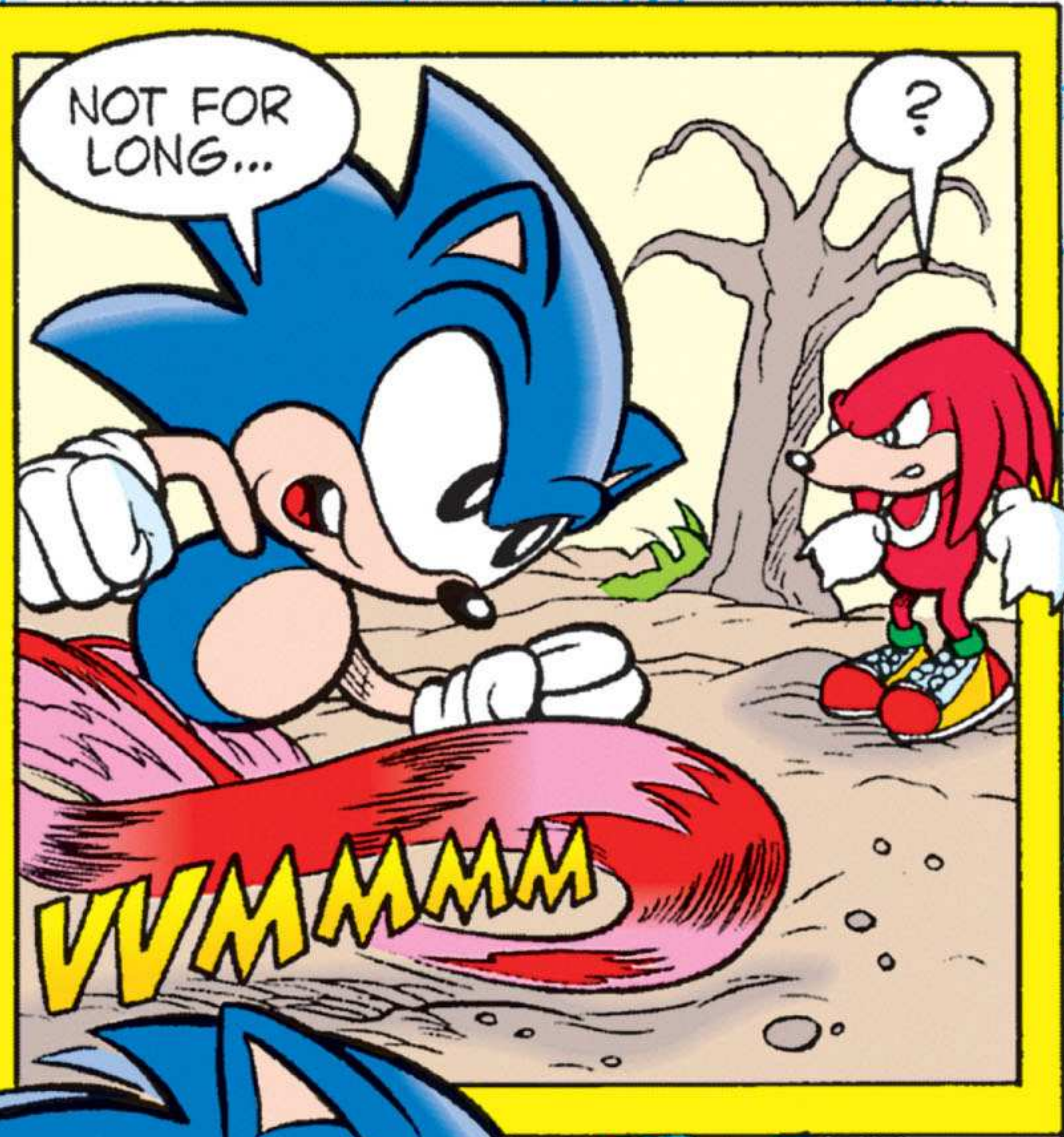
WHOP!



OKAY, REDBONE...
YOU ASKED
FOR IT!...

C'MON,
LITTLE BOY
BLUE... I'M
STANDING
HERE!

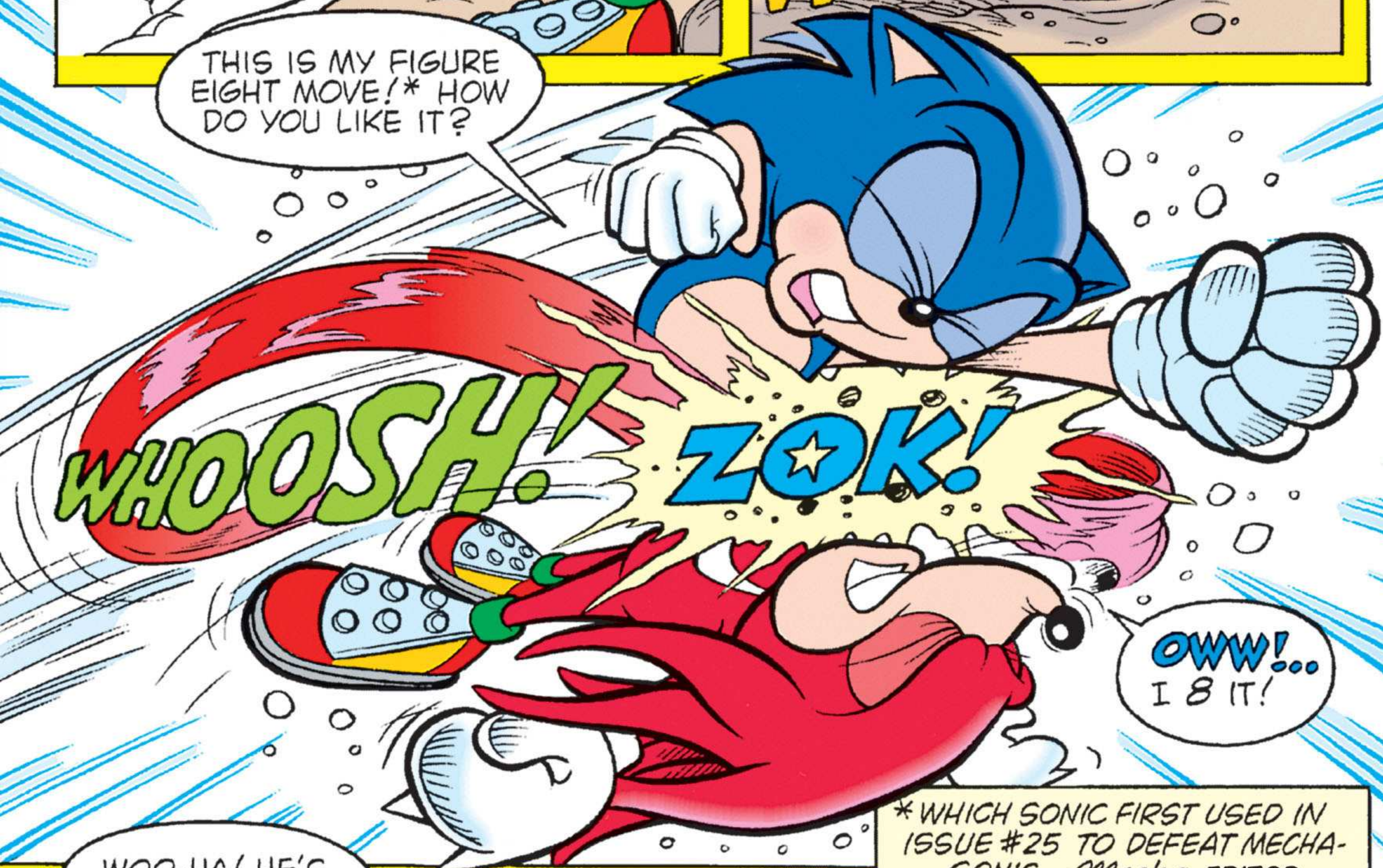
THIS IS MY FIGURE
EIGHT MOVE! * HOW
DO YOU LIKE IT?



NOT FOR
LONG...

?

WUMMMMM

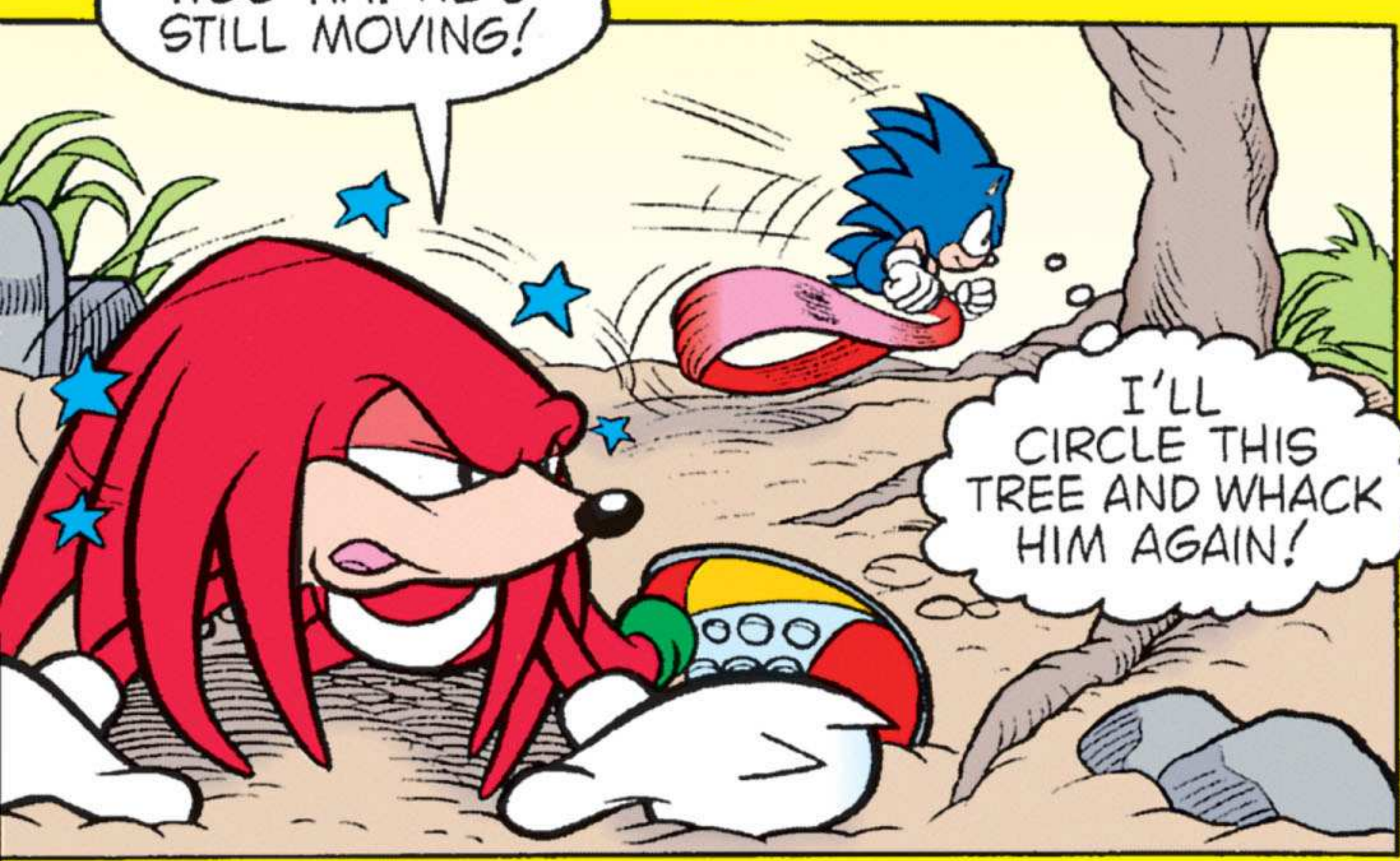


WHOOSH!

ZOK!

OWW!...
I 8 IT!

* WHICH SONIC FIRST USED IN
ISSUE #25 TO DEFEAT MECHA-
SONIC -- Mecha EDITOR



WOO-HA! HE'S
STILL MOVING!

I'LL
CIRCLE THIS
TREE AND WHACK
HIM AGAIN!



I SEE THE ROUTE
YOU'RE TAKING, HOG...

...BUT THIS
ROOT CREATES A
ROADBLOCK!

THE TREE--
MOVING SIDWAYS--
OWF!

SK.K.KUNK!

THOK!

STUCK IN THE
TREE? I ALWAYS
SAID YOU WERE
A LITTLE **SAP!**

MMMMF! AW,
PUT A SOCK IN
IT, KNUCKLES!

YOU PUT A
SOCK IN IT! I
VISIT A PUBLIC
PLACE AND YOU
AMBUSH ME!

NNNGH!

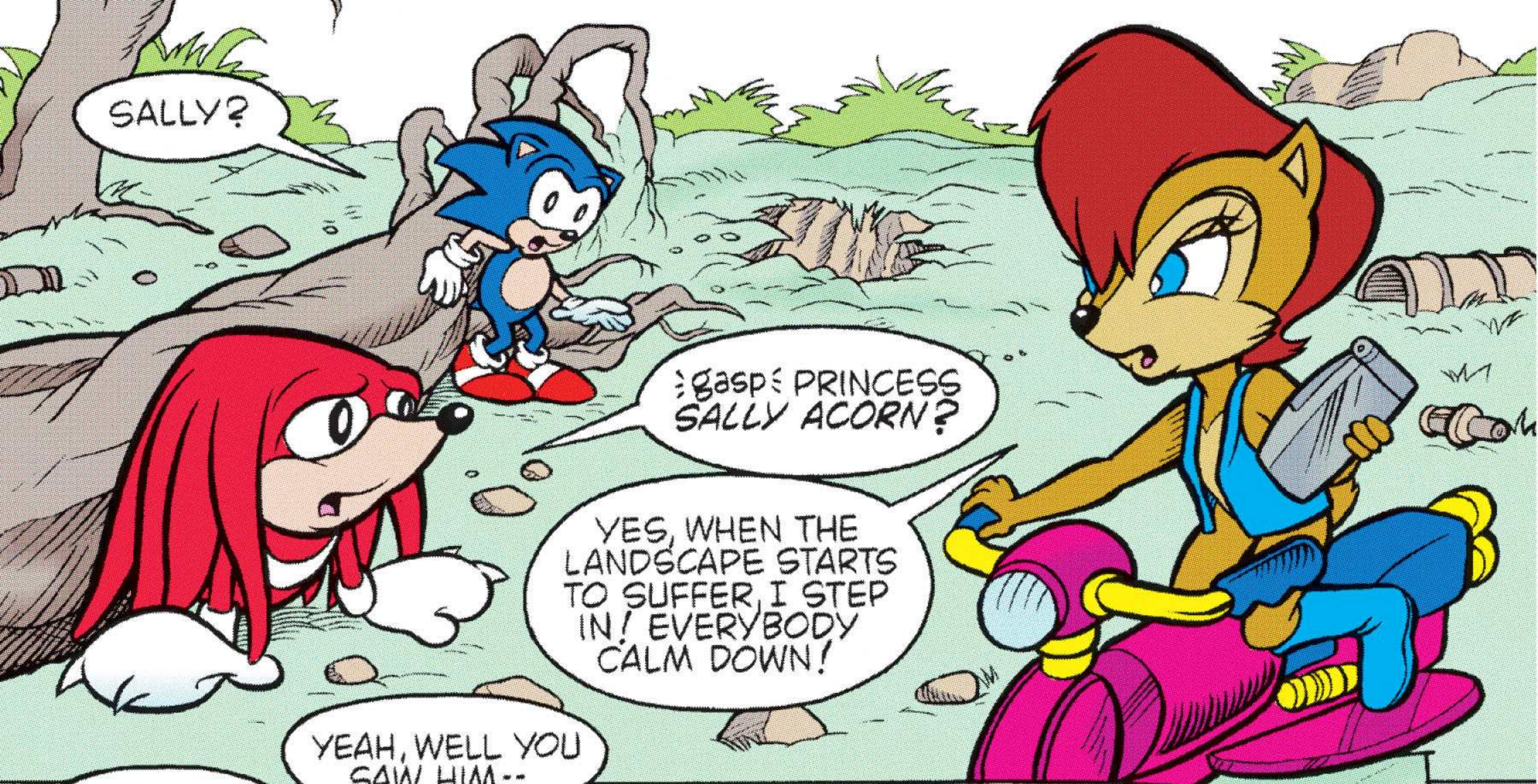
BY YANKING
THE TREE BY THE
ROOTS, HE
LOOSEMED IT...

TIMBER!

WHUMP!

ASH!!

HOLD IT RIGHT
THERE -- BOTH
OF YOU!



SALLY?

≡gasp≡ PRINCESS SALLY ACORN?

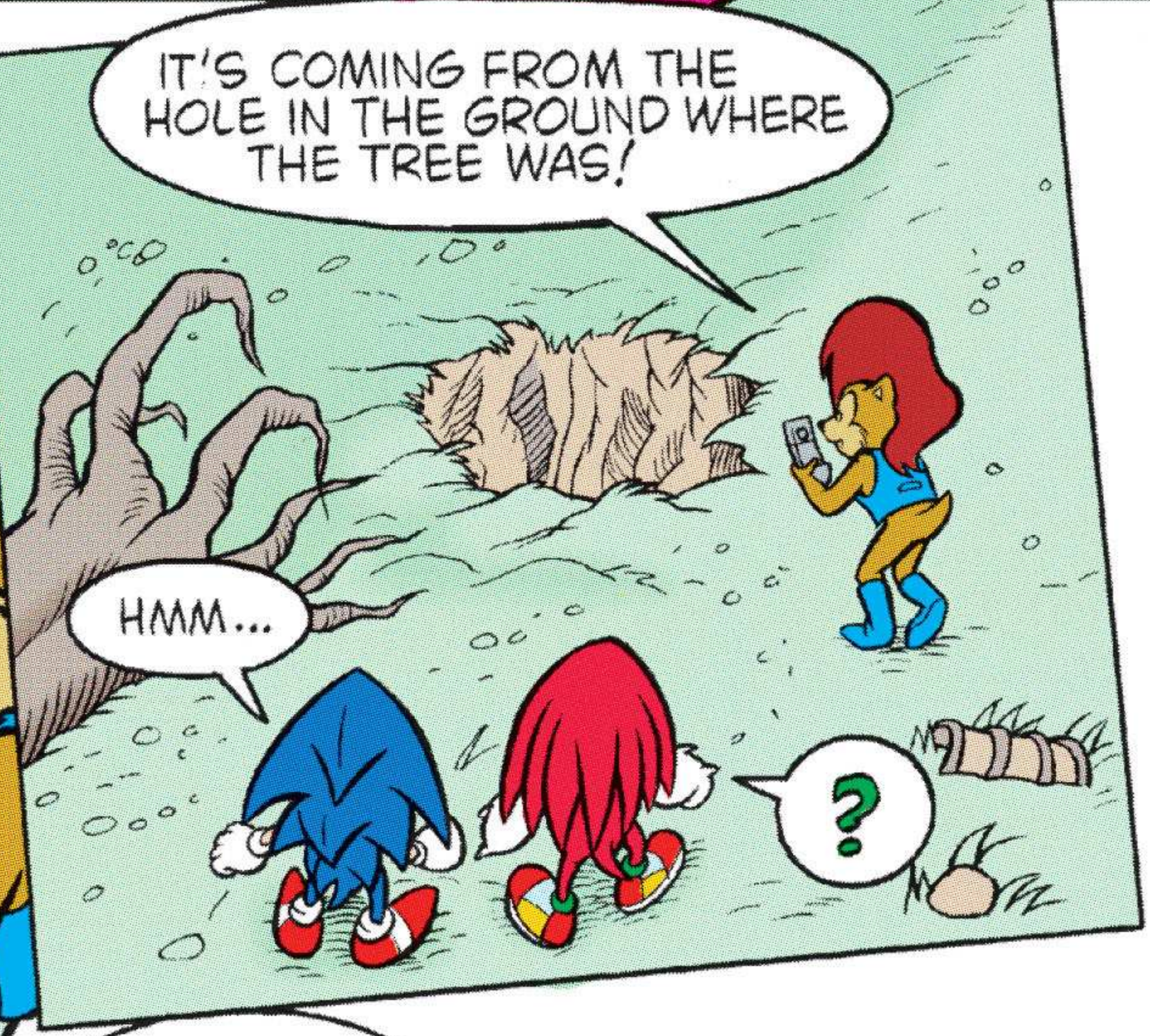
YES, WHEN THE LANDSCAPE STARTS TO SUFFER, I STEP IN! EVERYBODY CALM DOWN!

YEAH, WELL YOU SAW HIM--

HE BLIND-SIDED ME!
CHEAT!
DORK!

SNEAK!
PUNK!

IT'S COMING FROM THE HOLE IN THE GROUND WHERE THE TREE WAS!

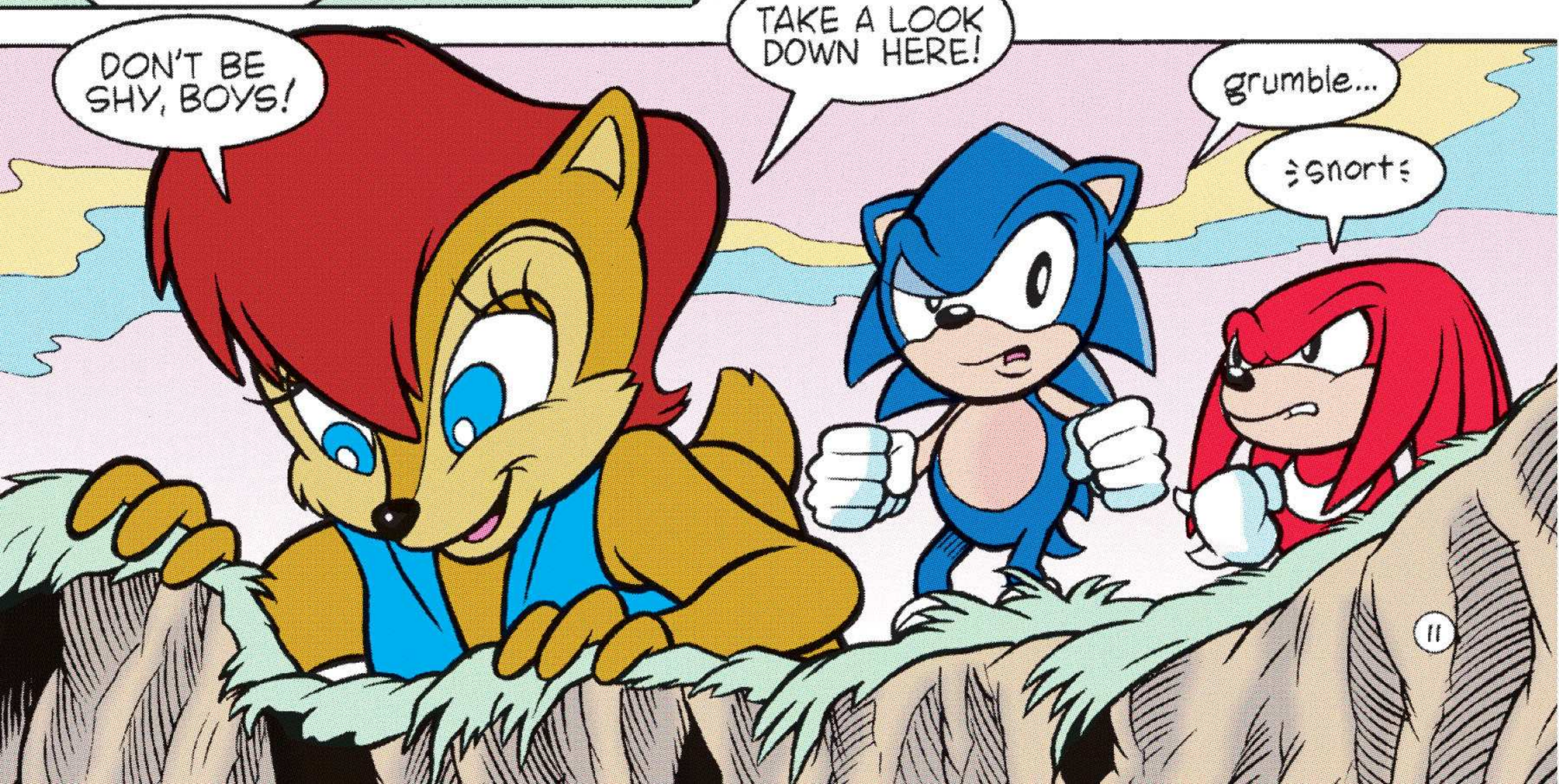


HMM...

?

ALL RIGHT, ALREADY--Shhh!
MY PORTABLE COMPUTER NICOLE IS DETECTING SOME SERIOUS RADIATION!

TAKE A LOOK DOWN HERE!



DON'T BE SHY, BOYS!

grumble...

≡snort≡

SONIC & KNUCKLES™

in

CRASH OF THE TITANS

PART III

CHECK IT OUT...
IT'S A GATEWAY TO AN
UNKNOWN ZONE!*

MAJOR!

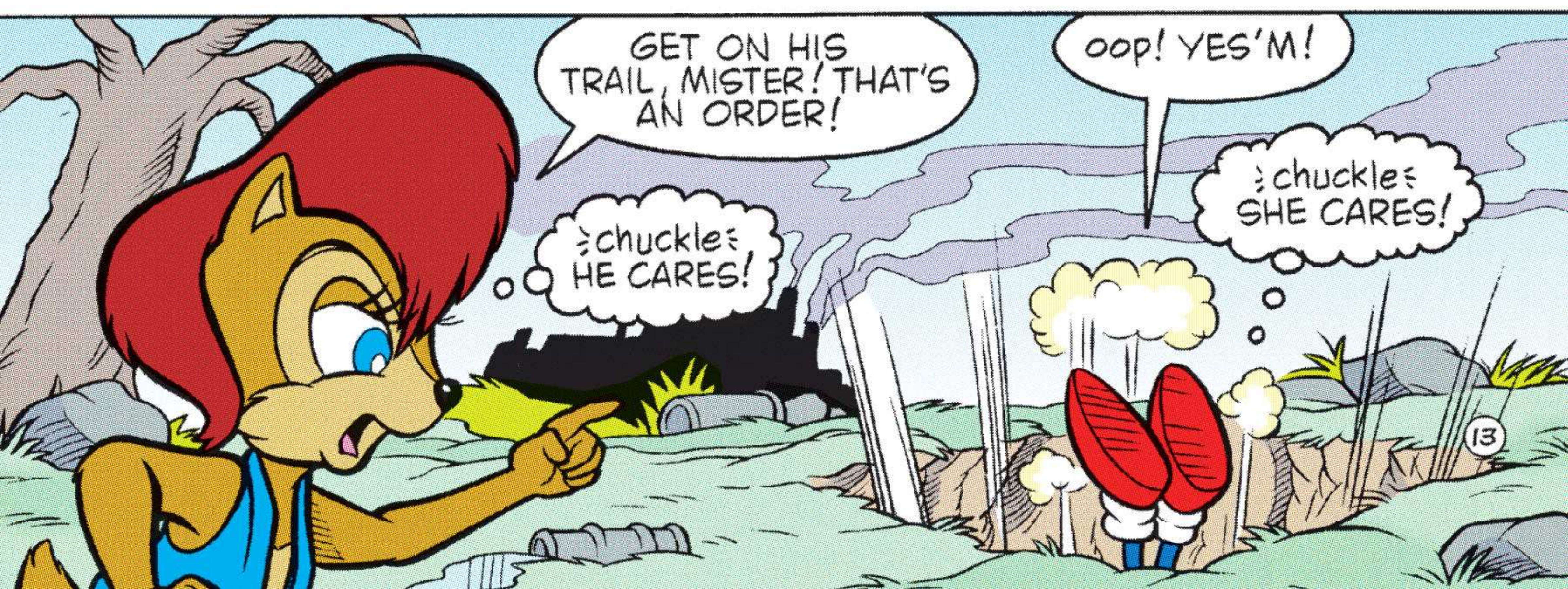
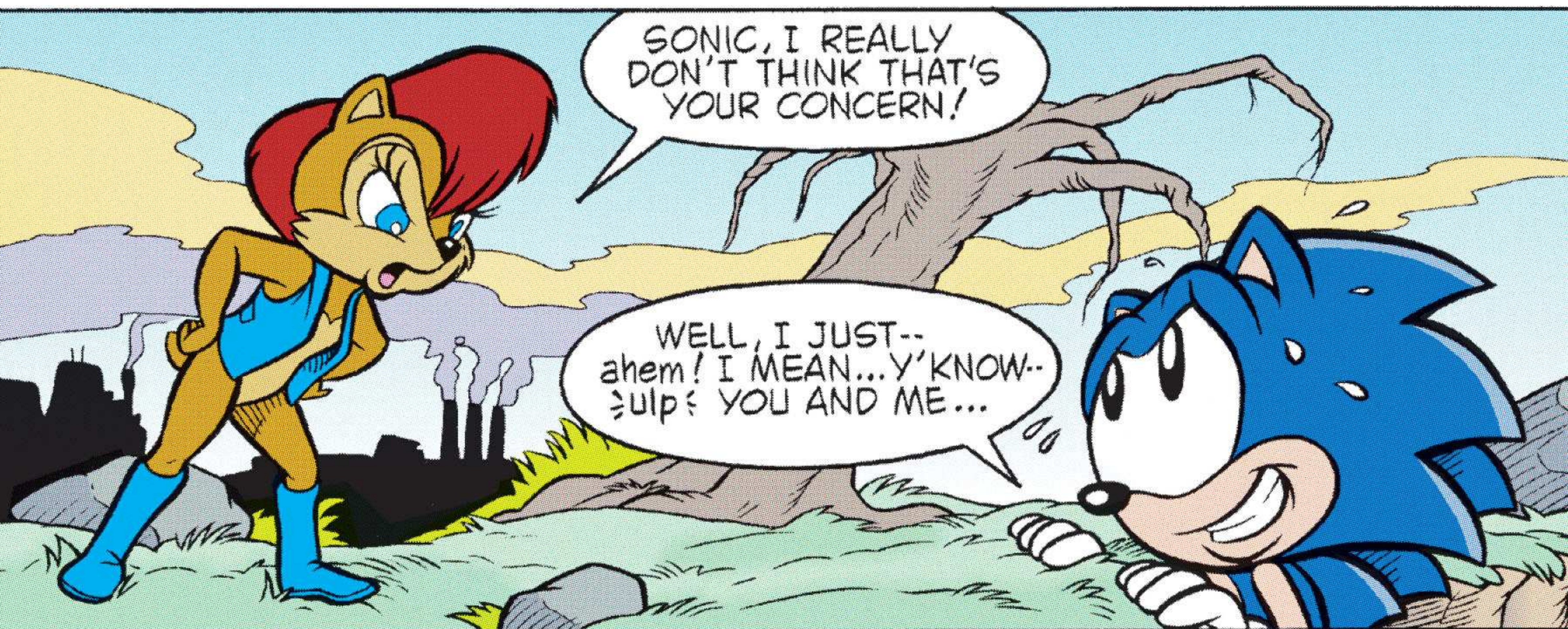
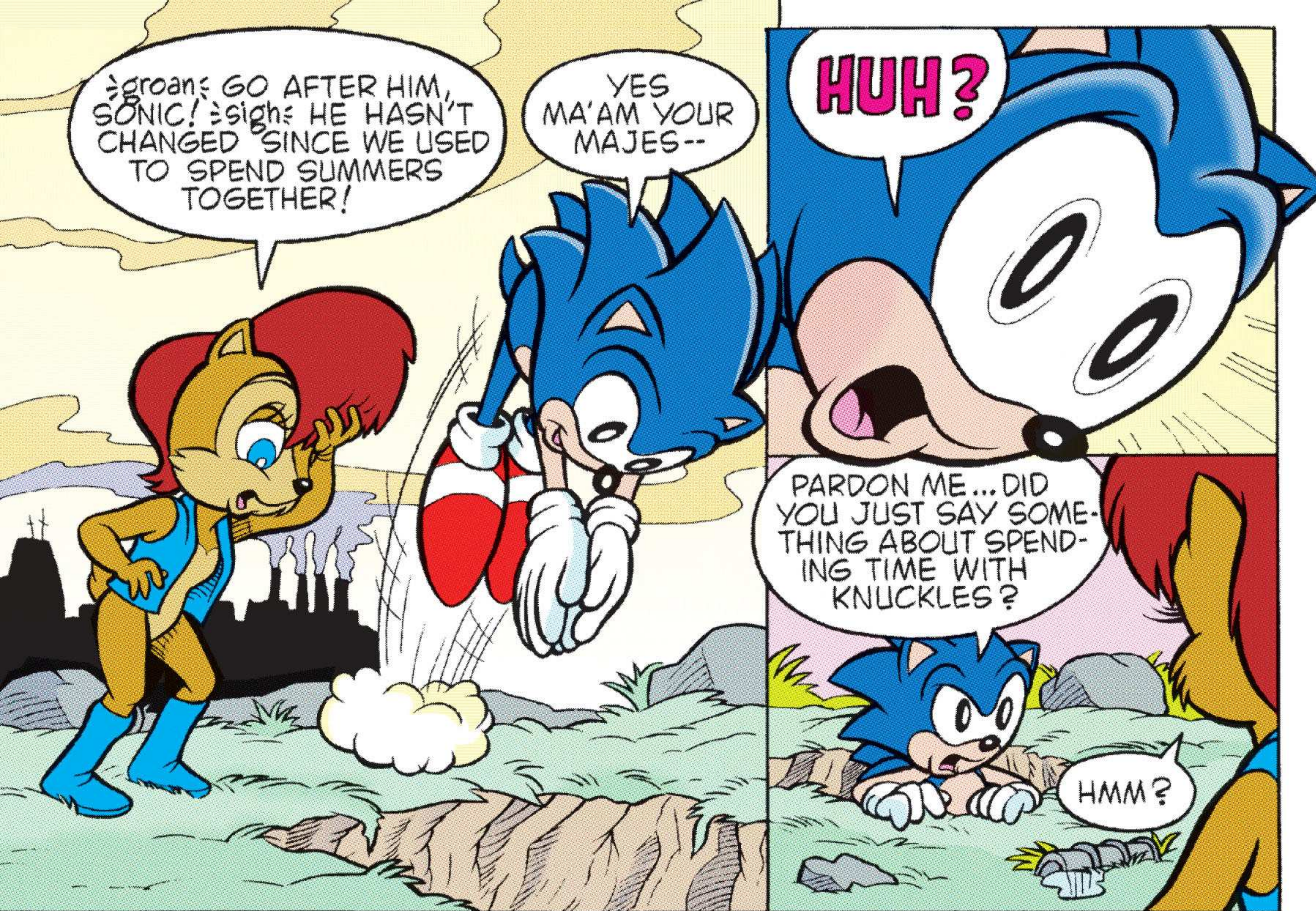
LOOK AT IT...
SWIMMING WITH
MAGIC RINGS AND
CHAOS EMERALDS!

* THE SAME TYPE OF ACTION ZONES
FOUND IN ALL SONIC GAMES--EDITOR

KNUCKLES-- **WAIT!**

SORRY, SALLY--
I'M GOING FOR IT!

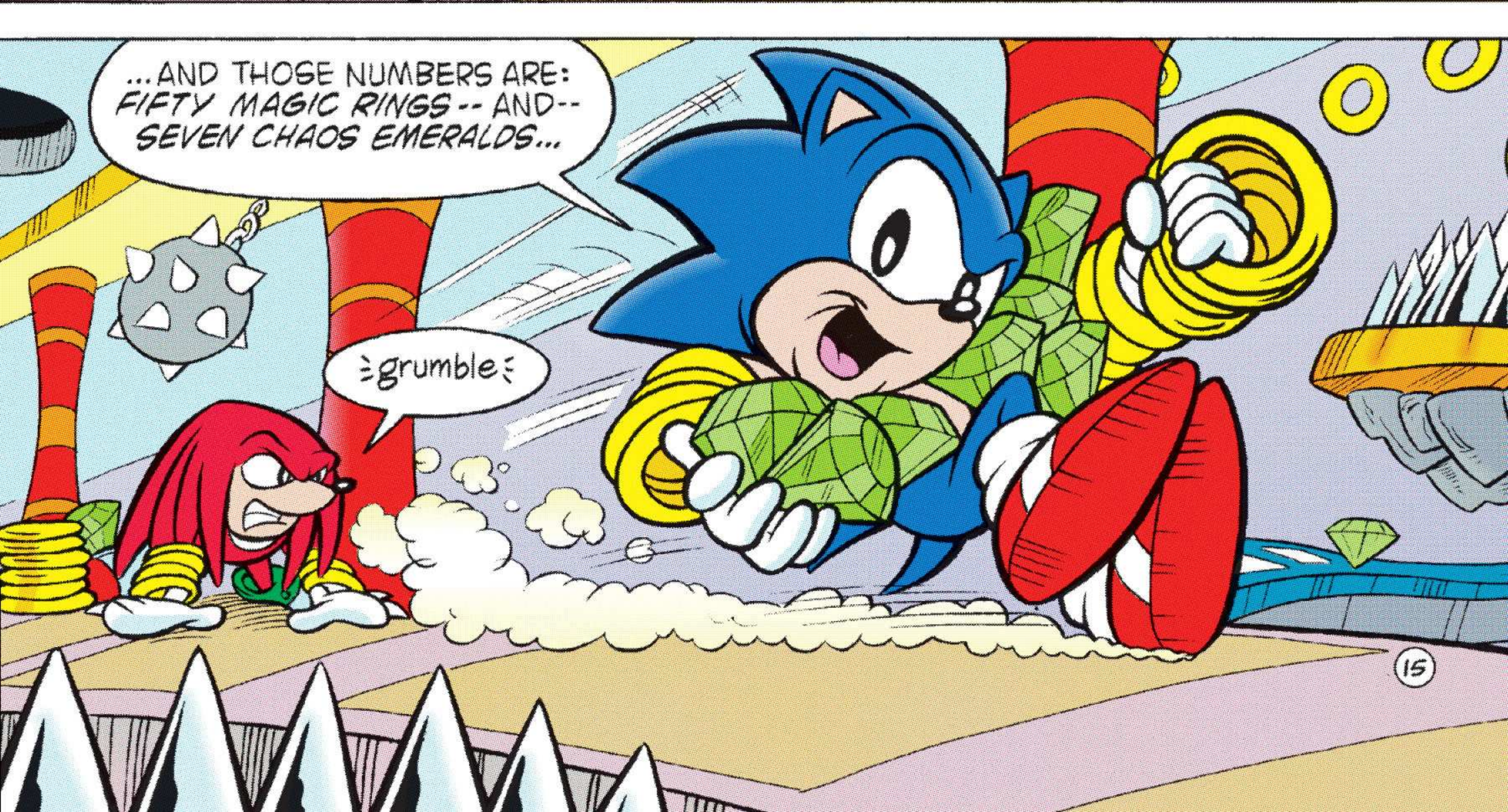
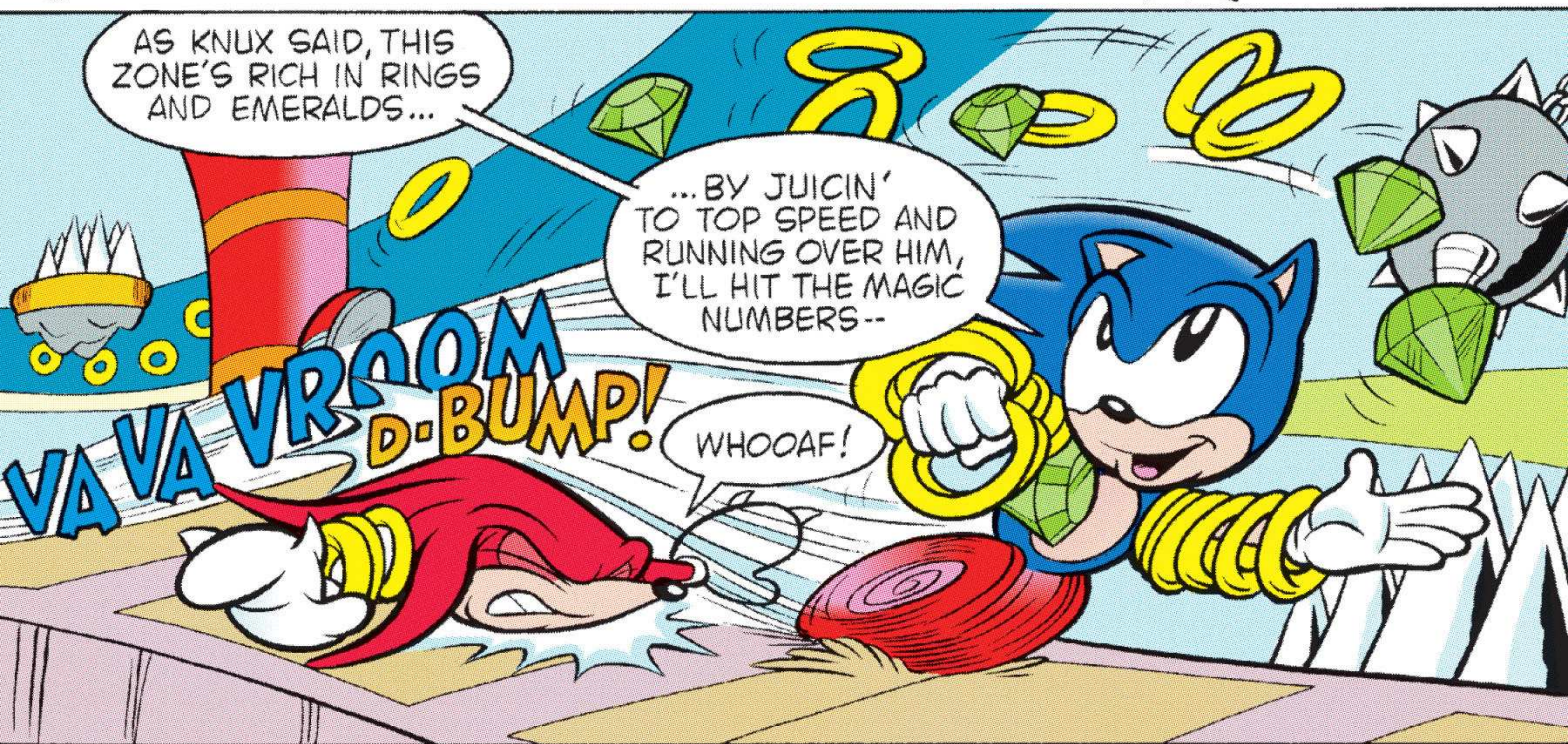
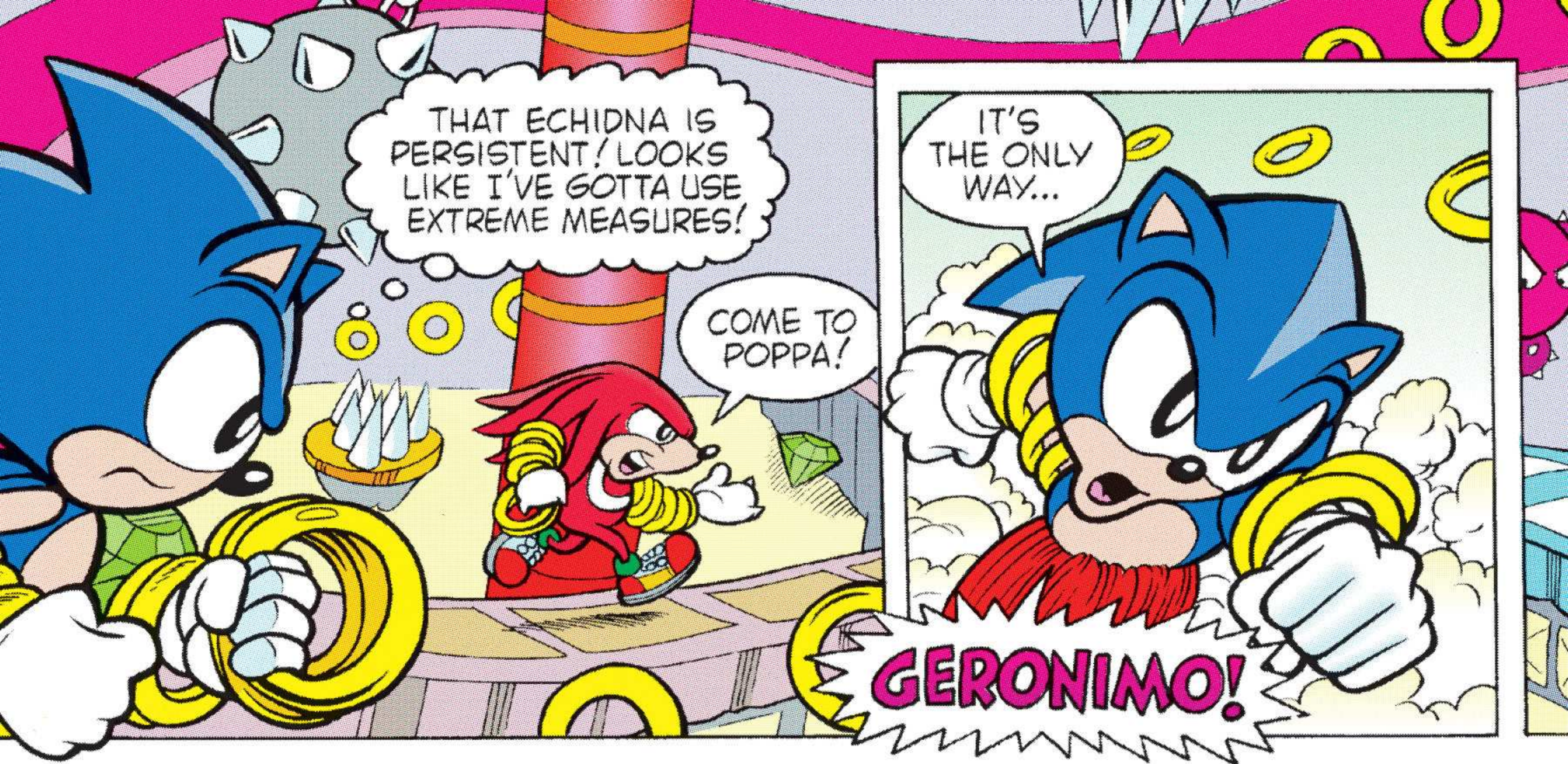
HEY! YOU
ROTTEN--



A full-page comic illustration from the Sonic the Hedgehog series. Sonic the Hedgehog is in the upper left, jumping through the air with a determined expression, holding a green diamond. He has a speech bubble above him. In the center, a grey, spiked Mobot enemy is suspended in the air, looking towards Sonic. In the lower right, Knuckles the Echidna is running towards the viewer, looking back over his shoulder with a mischievous grin. The background is a desert-like environment with a yellow sky, a stone wall with 'X' marks, and various floating items including gold rings, green diamonds, and a large yellow ring with a red star. A chain is attached to a red pillar and loops around the Mobot enemy. The overall style is classic comic book art with bold lines and a vibrant color palette.

GIVE IT UP, KNUCKLEBRAIN!
YOU GOT A HEAD START, BUT
I'M FASTER THAN YOU!

BLOW IT OUT
YOUR SNEAKERS, YOU
BLUE BOZO!!! I'M PICKING
THIS JOINT CLEAN!



...CHANGING ME INTO...

**SUPER
SONIC!**

gulp!

CRACKLE

*IT HAPPENED ONCE BEFORE...IN STH #4-EDITOR

SEVEN AND FIFTY,
EH? OKAY-- I GOT
ENOUGH EMERALDS...
I'M FOUR RINGS
SHORT!

OKAY, LITTLE
GUY, THE GIG'S
UP!

YOUR UNCONDITIONAL
SURRENDER WILL BE--
HEY!

MAKE
THAT--
THREE...
TWO...
ONE...
BINGO!

STEP ASIDE,
SUCKER! MAKE
WAY FOR--

ZZZZROOOW!

**HYPER
KNUCKLES!**

IMPOSTER!
COPYCAT!

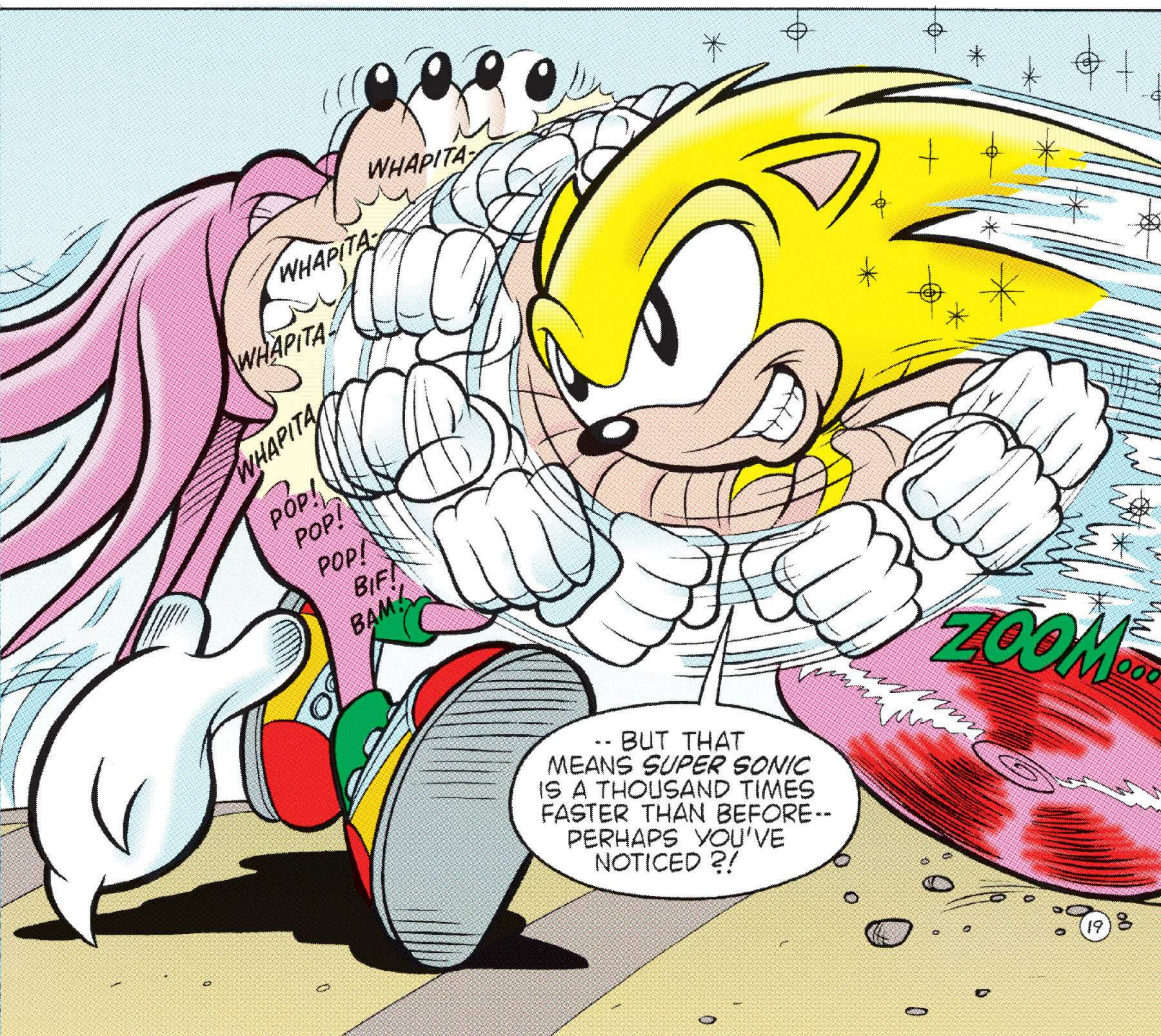
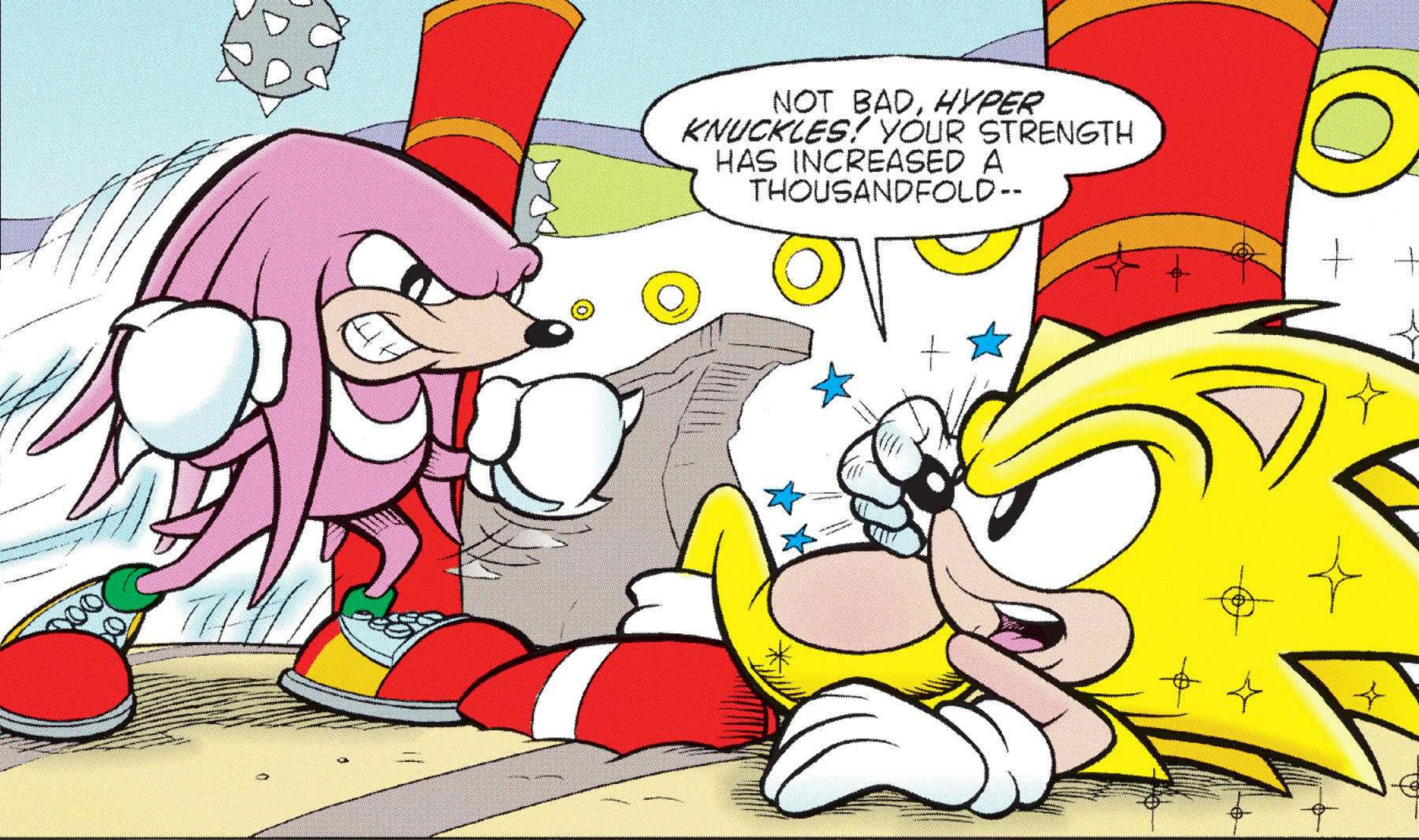
YOUR POWERS
CAN'T COMPARE
TO MINE!

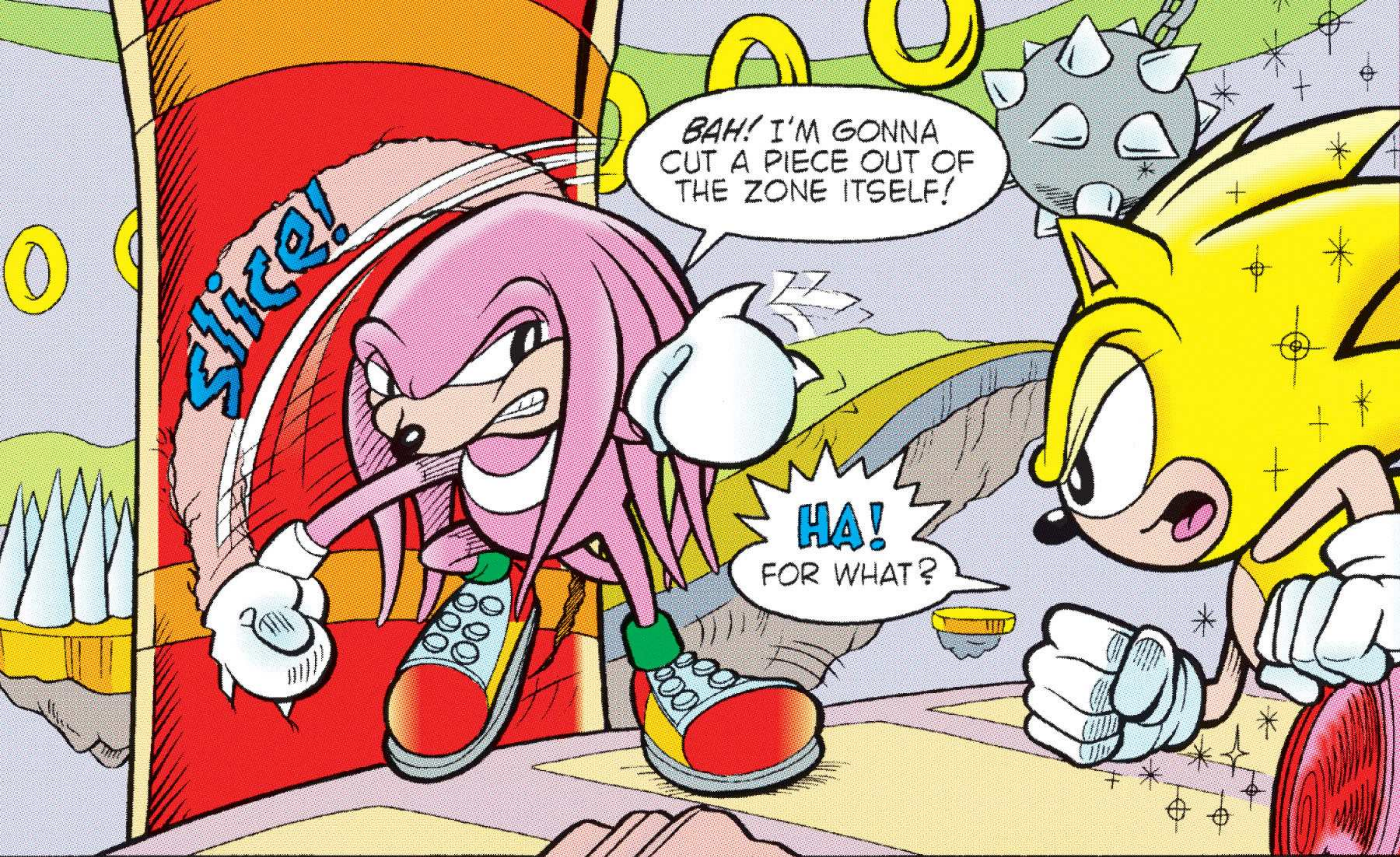
YOU TALK TOO
MUCH, SUPERHOG!

SO I'M GONNA
SUPERSHUT YOU UP
ONCE AND FOR ALL!

FWHAM!

GNYAAA...

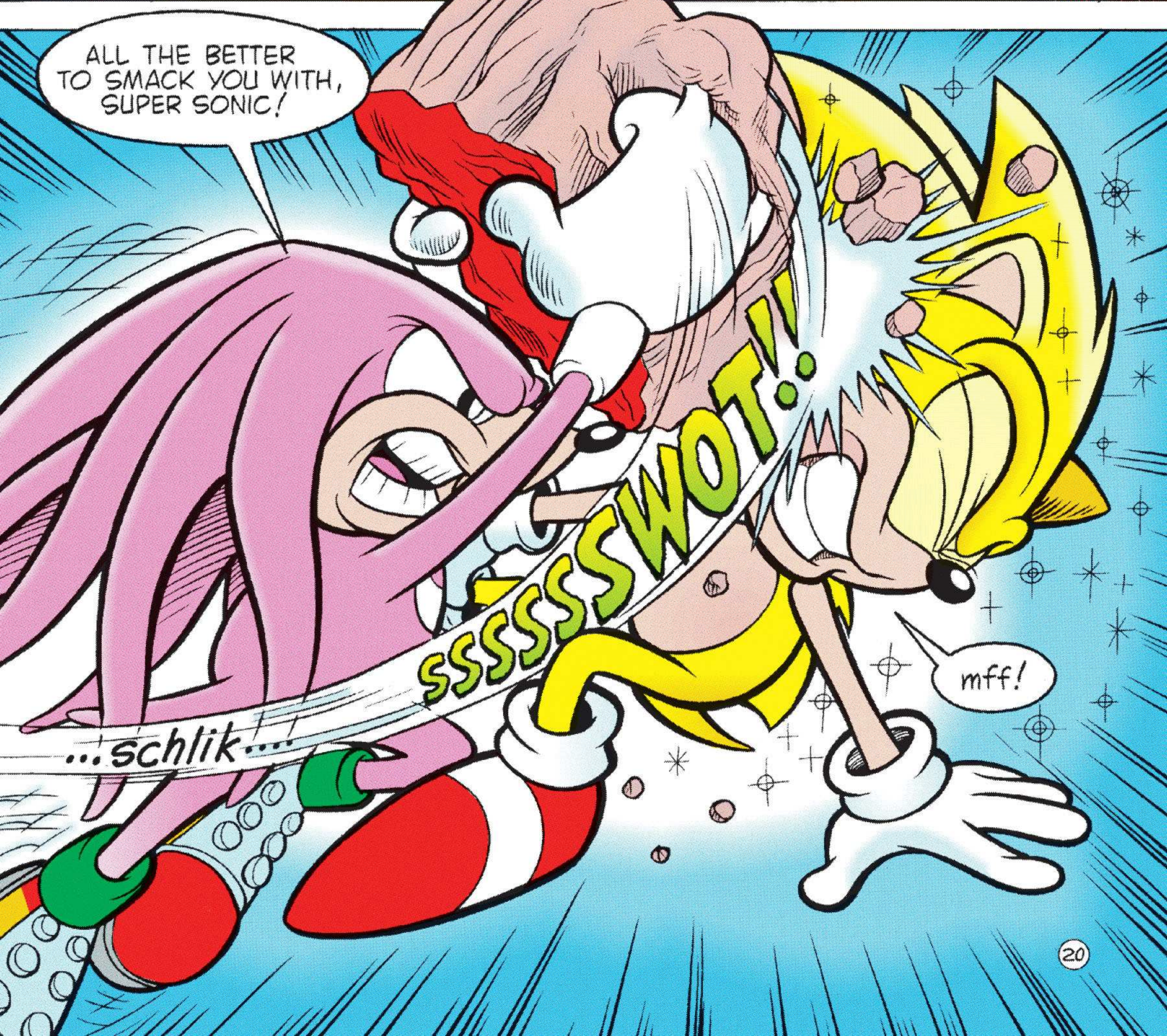




BAH! I'M GONNA CUT A PIECE OUT OF THE ZONE ITSELF!

Slice!

HA!
FOR WHAT?

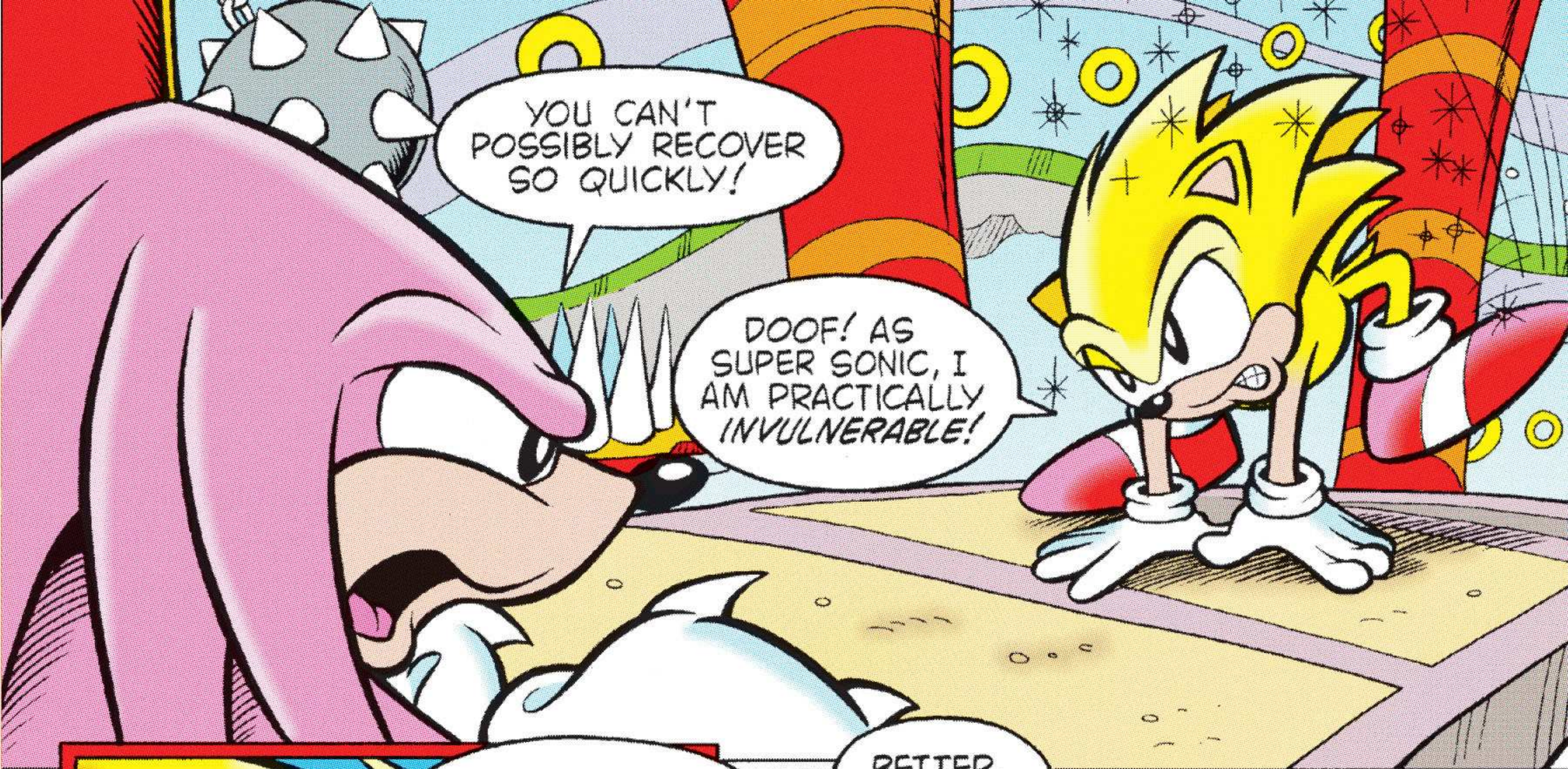


ALL THE BETTER TO SMACK YOU WITH, SUPER SONIC!

SSSSSSSWOT!!

mfff!

...schlik...



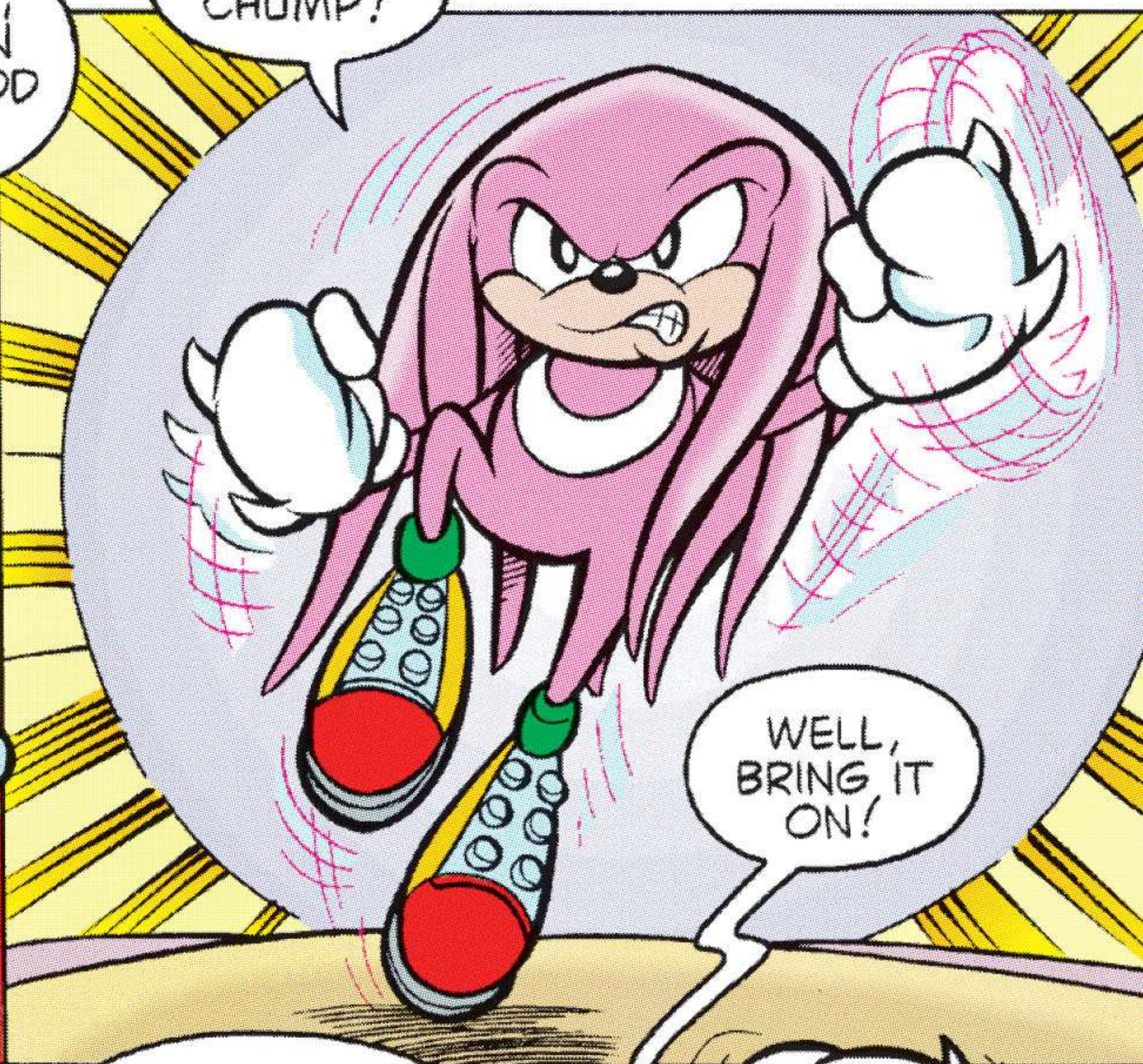
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY RECOVER SO QUICKLY!

DOOF! AS SUPER SONIC, I AM PRACTICALLY INVULNERABLE!

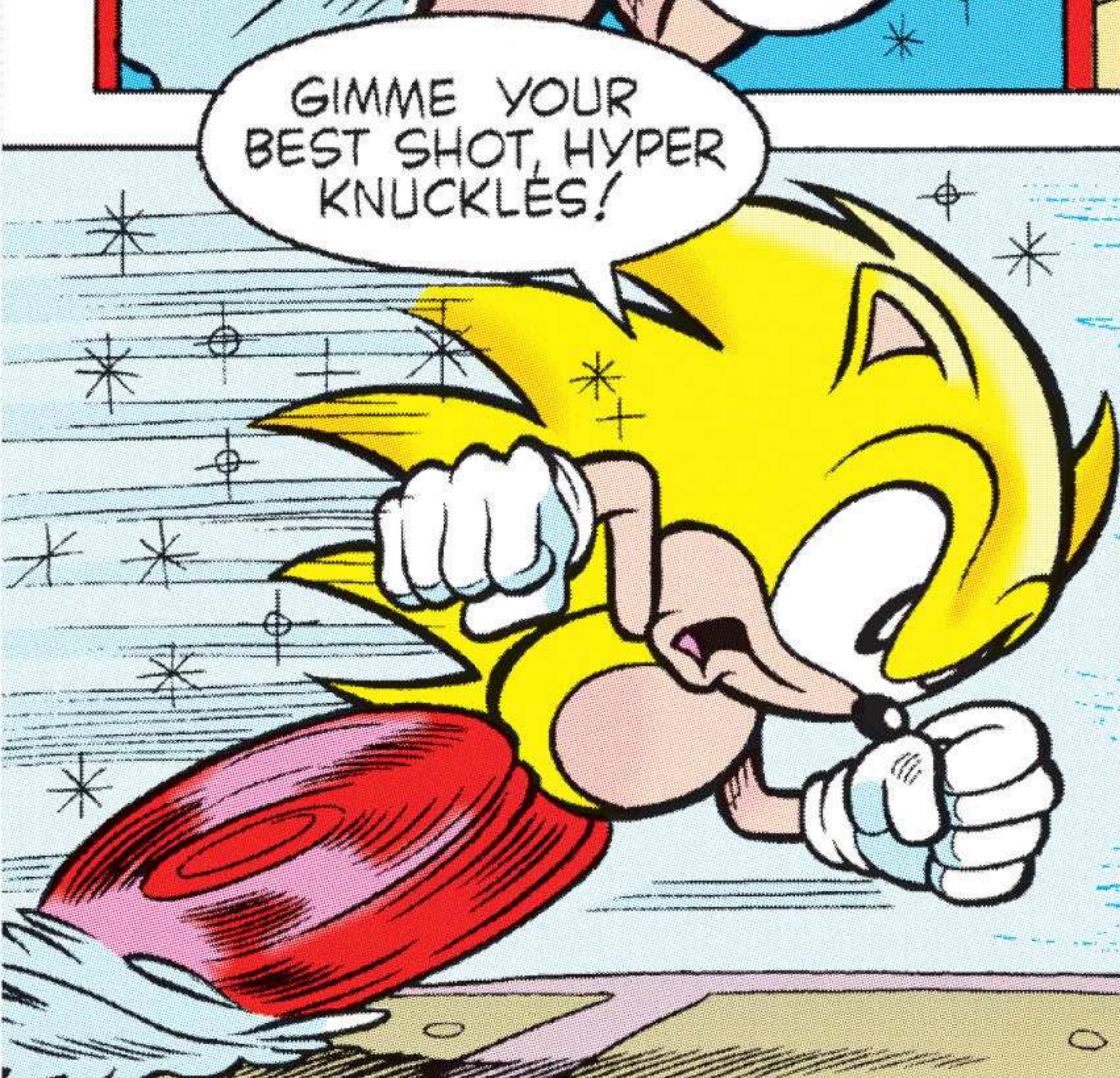


HOW ABOUT YOU, LITTLE MAN? CAN YOU TAKE AS GOOD AS YOU GIVE?

BETTER, CHUMP!



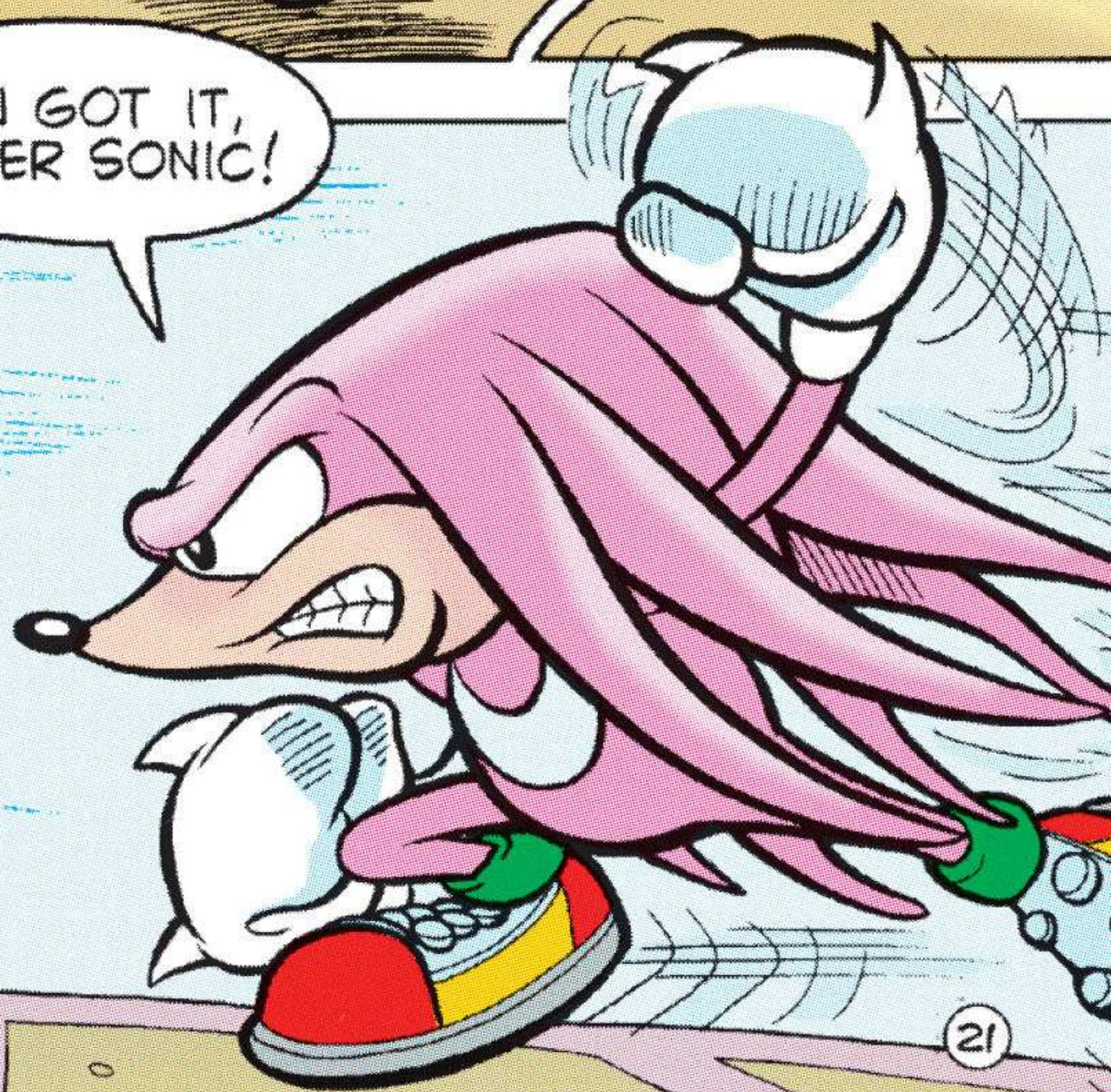
WELL, BRING IT ON!



GIMME YOUR BEST SHOT, HYPER KNUCKLES!



YOU GOT IT, SUPER SONIC!



SONIC

VS

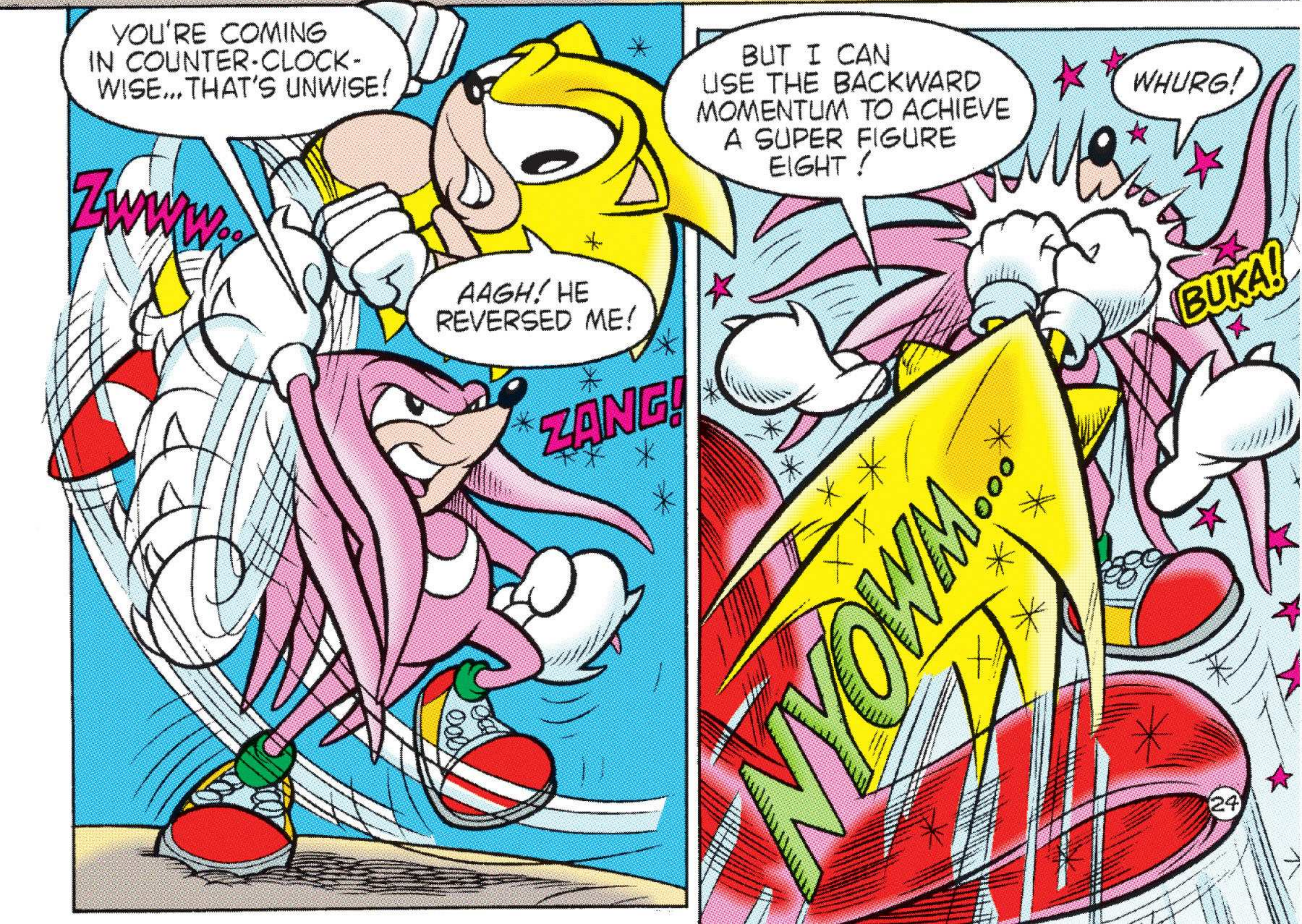
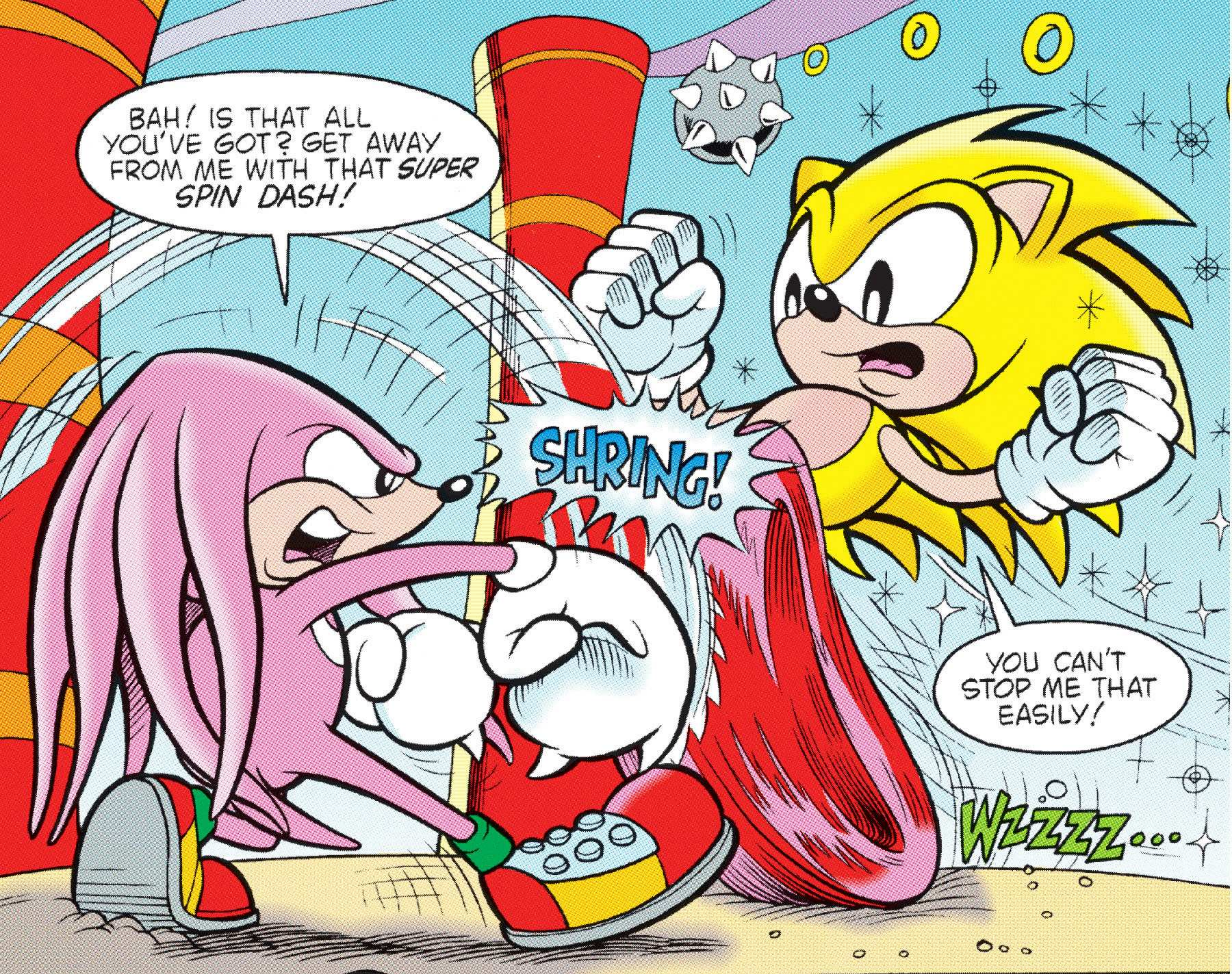
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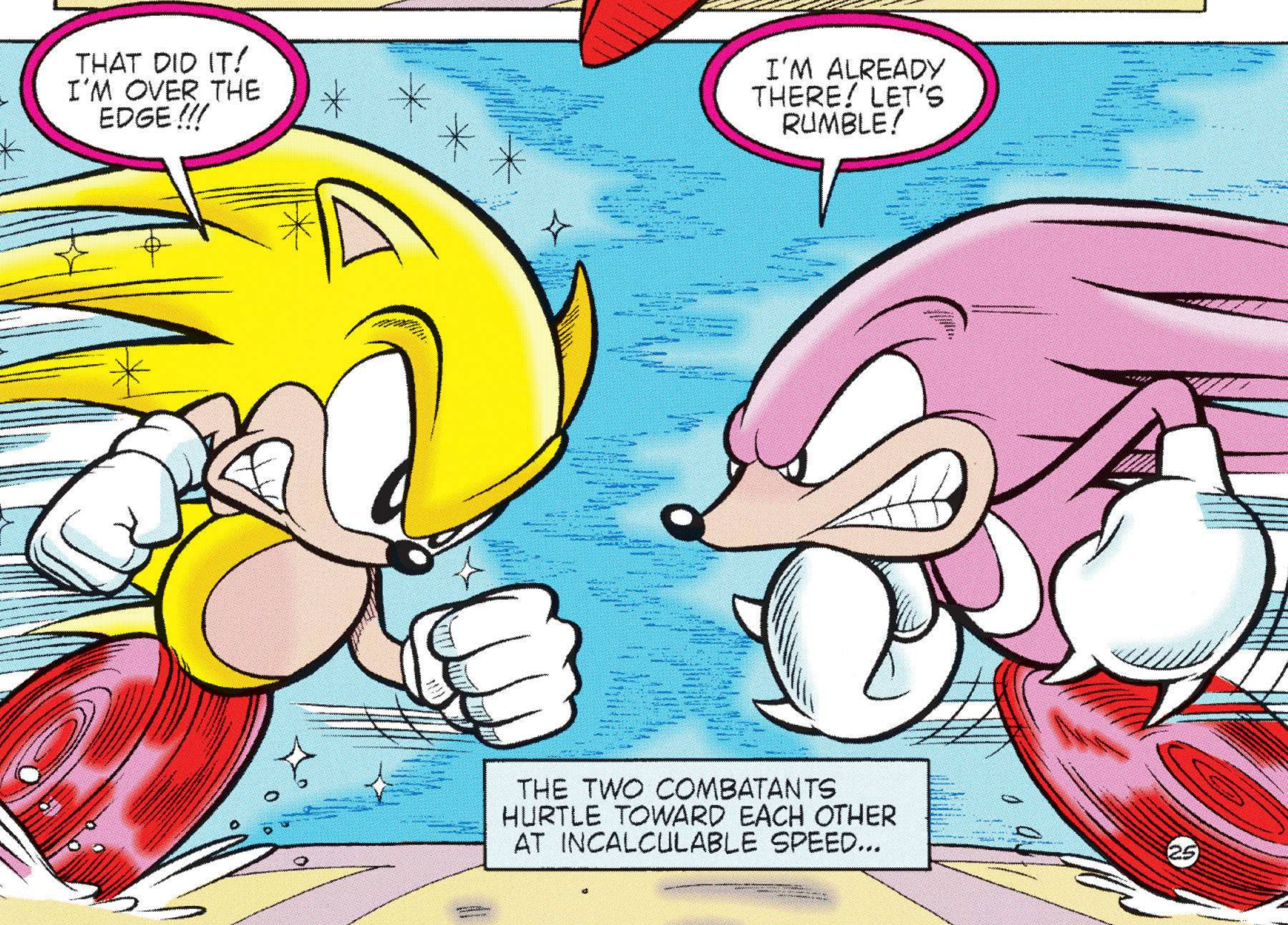
CRASH
OF THE

TITANS

PART IV

2 PAGE
PINUP!





UNIMAGINABLE RAW ENERGY ERUPTS,
LITERALLY BENDING TIME AND SPACE!

THE WALLS CONTAINING
THE ZONE'S REALITY
BEGIN WARPING WILDLY!

THE ZONE CAN
NO LONGER CONTAIN
ITSELF--IT SWELLS--
IT CRACKS...

IT **EXPLODES!**

NEARBY...

MY LORD OF LARD...
IT IS AN EARTHQUAKE!

NO, IT'S
SOMETHING QUITE
DIFFERENT...
OBSERVE!

ENERGY OUTPUT READINGS ARE
OFF THE SCALE! DISPERSION OF
CONTENTS IRRETRIEVABLE!

THIS IS
TERRIBLE!

YOU MEAN BECAUSE OF THE
POTENTIAL LOSS OF MAGIC
RINGS AND CHADS EMERALDS?

NO, I MEAN
BECAUSE THIS IS A
48-PAGE SPECIAL, AND
ALL I GET IS A ONE-PAGE
CAMEO! SOMEONE IS
GOING TO PAY DEARLY
FOR THIS!

GET MY AGENT
ON THE PHONE!

CRUNKLE!

NOT FAR
AWAY...

WOO-HA!
ANYBODY GET THE
NUMBER ON THAT
COSMIC BUS?

EASY,
SONIC...

HUH?.. WHO--
SALLY! WHAT'RE
YOU DOING IN
THE ZONE?

THANKS TO YOU,
THAT ZONE'S BEEN
OBLITERATED!

THERE'S NO
TRACE OF IT--

--NO
EMERALDS--

--NO
RINGS--

NOTHING!
ZERO! NADA!
ZIP!

YOU WERE BLOWN
FREE AND LANDED HERE...
BACK TO *NORMAL*!

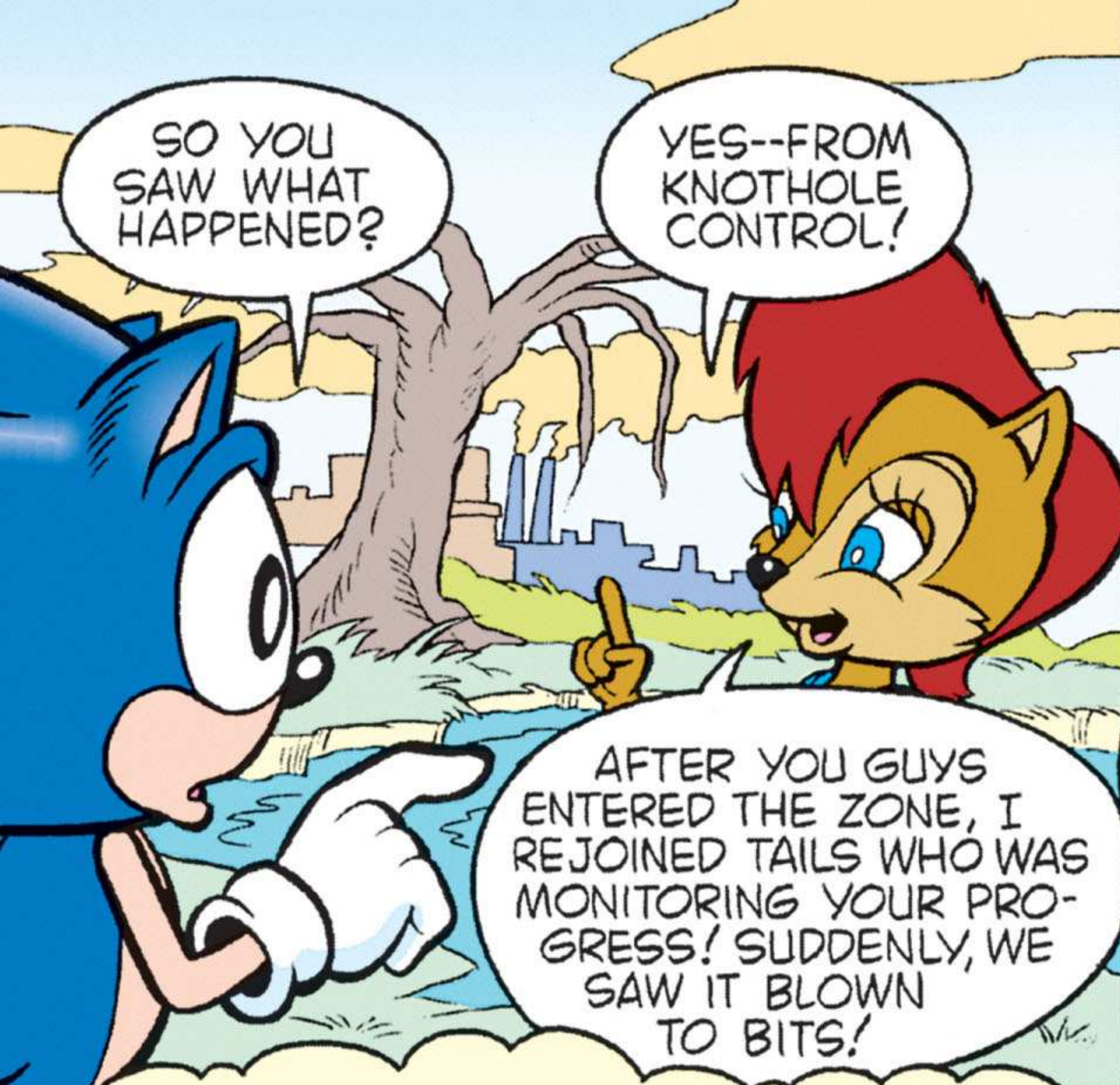
... WHERE *SOME* PEOPLE
THINK OUR MONITOR
ISN'T WORKING!

THAT'S A GREAT
CAMOUFLAGE JOB!

wink!

I DON'T FEEL NORMAL...
AND WHERE'S "HERE"?

RIGHT NEXT
TO THE LAKE
OF RINGS...

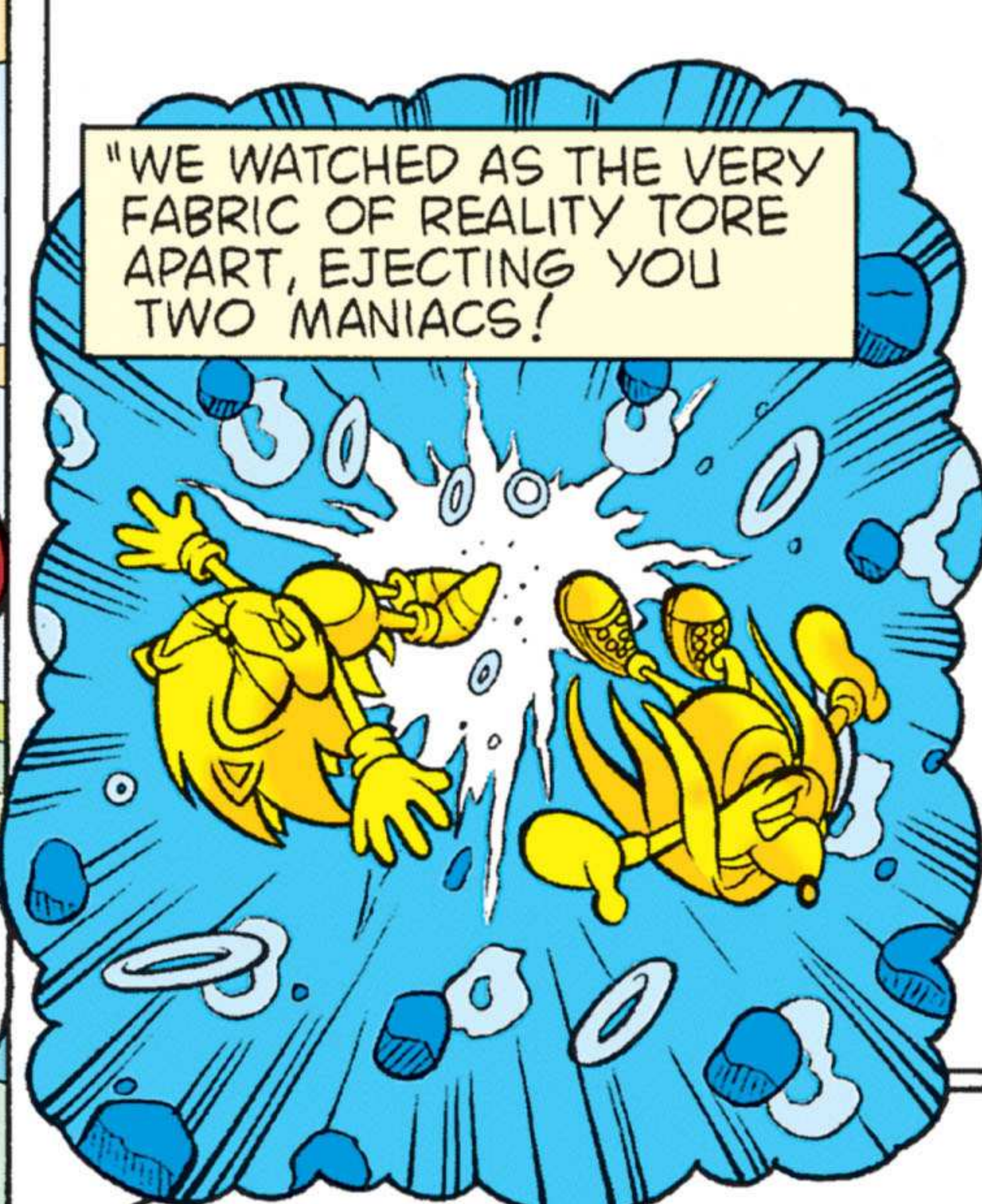


SO YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED?

YES--FROM KNOTHOLE CONTROL!

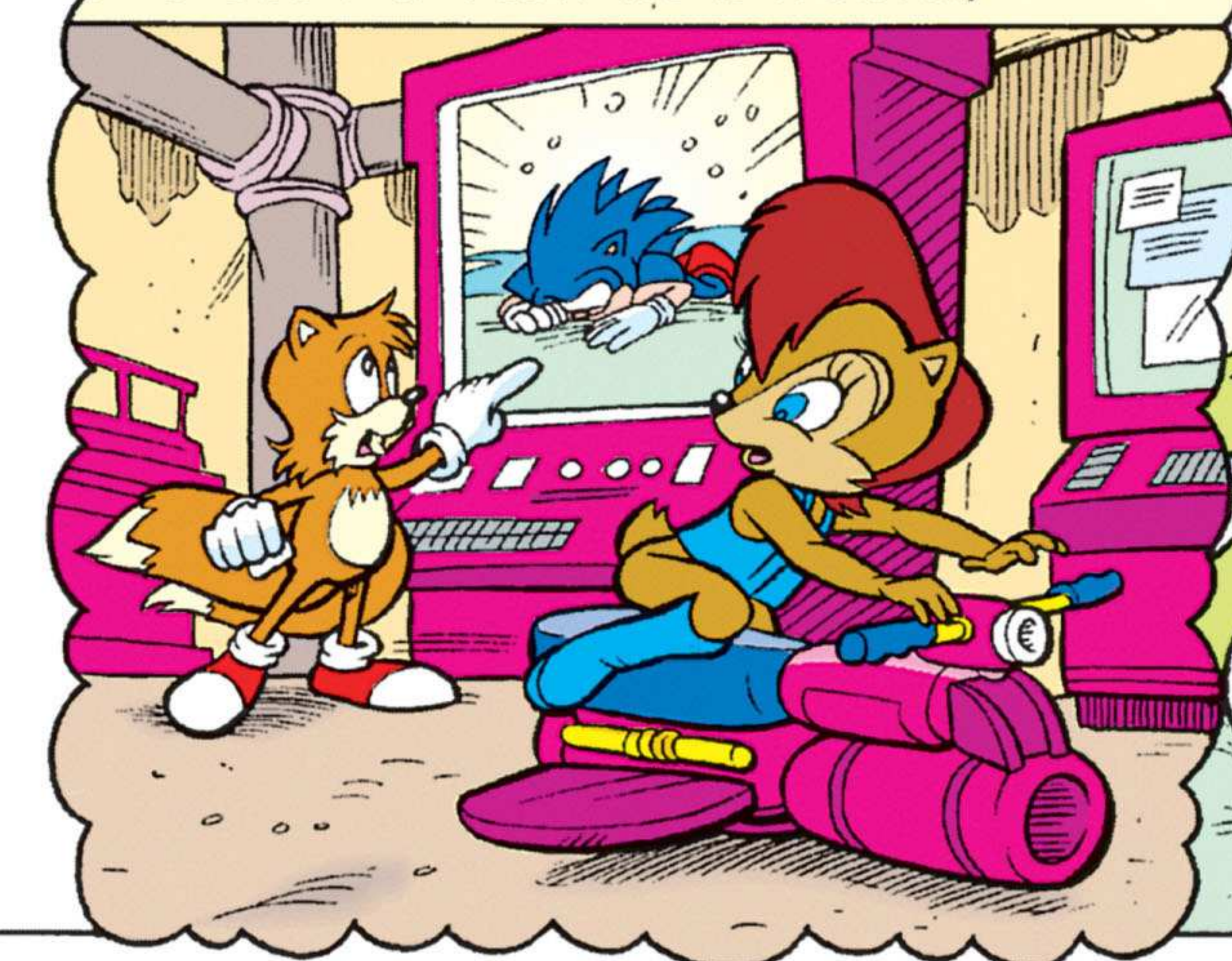
AFTER YOU GUYS ENTERED THE ZONE, I REJOINED TAILS WHO WAS MONITORING YOUR PROGRESS! SUDDENLY, WE SAW IT BLOWN TO BITS!

"YOU LANDED RIGHT NEXT TO THE LAKE WHERE IT ALL STARTED! I GOT ON MY SKY-CYCLE AND FLEW HERE A.S.A.P.!"



"WE WATCHED AS THE VERY FABRIC OF REALITY TORE APART, EJECTING YOU TWO MANIACS!"

I APPRECIATE THAT, SALLY! SAY-- WHAT ABOUT--



C'MON... BETTER GET BACK BEFORE ROBOTNIK COMES SNOOPING!



OKAY...:ahem: I WAS WONDERING IF YOU--

KNUCKLES WENT FLYING IN ANOTHER DIRECTION, OKAY? NEVER MIND OUR PAST! *JUST DROP IT!

OH YEAH... HIM! NO, I WAS WONDERING IF WE HAD ANY CHILI DOGS?

OH... SORRY...



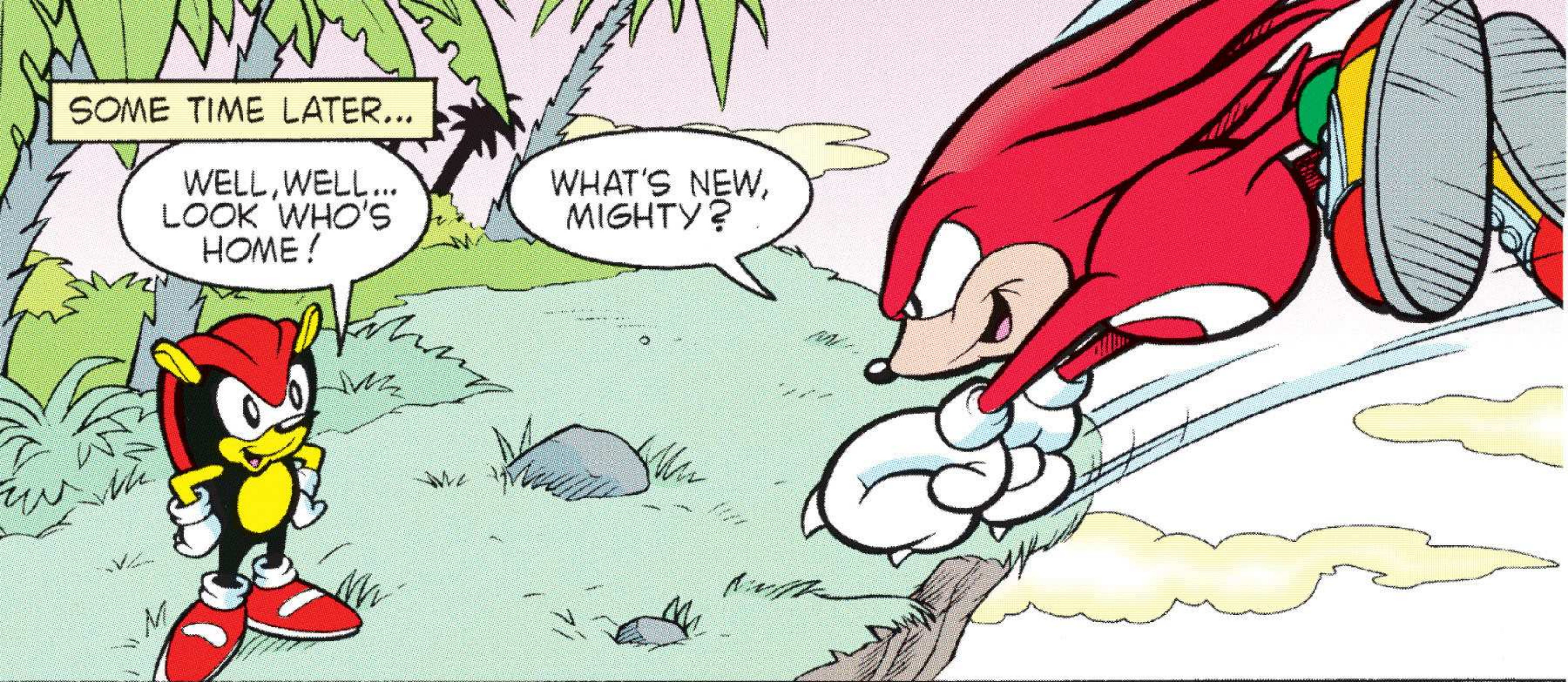
*I'LL BET YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS TANTALIZING TIDBIT! WRITE "SONIC-GRAMS". ED.

THE END?
ALMOST...

SOME TIME LATER...

WELL, WELL...
LOOK WHO'S
HOME!

WHAT'S NEW,
MIGHTY?



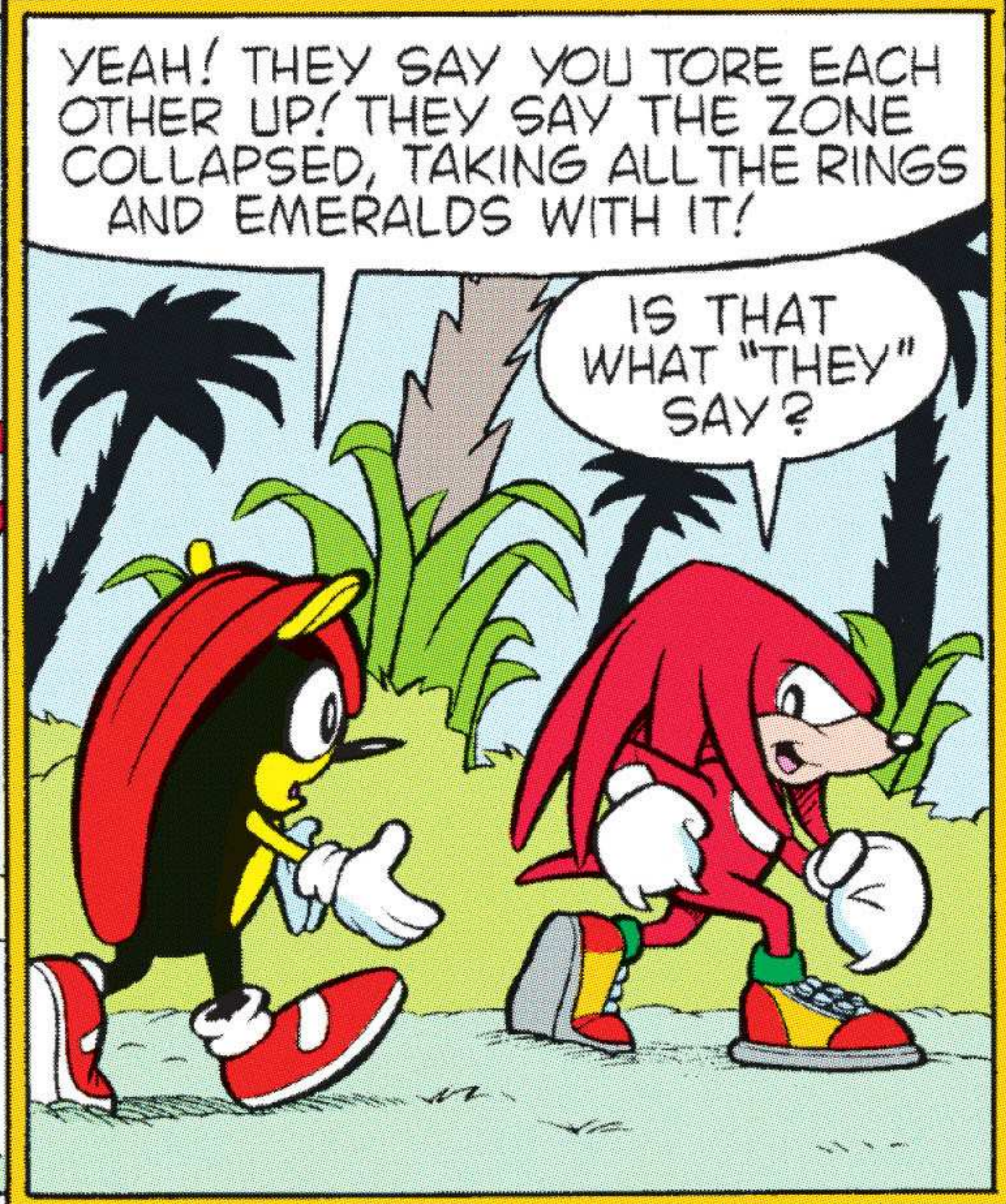
YOU ARE, RAD RED! HYPER-
KNUCKLES' BATTLE WITH SUPER
SONIC IS THE TALK OF
THE ISLAND!

OH
REALLY?



YEAH! THEY SAY YOU TORE EACH
OTHER UP! THEY SAY THE ZONE
COLLAPSED, TAKING ALL THE RINGS
AND EMERALDS WITH IT!

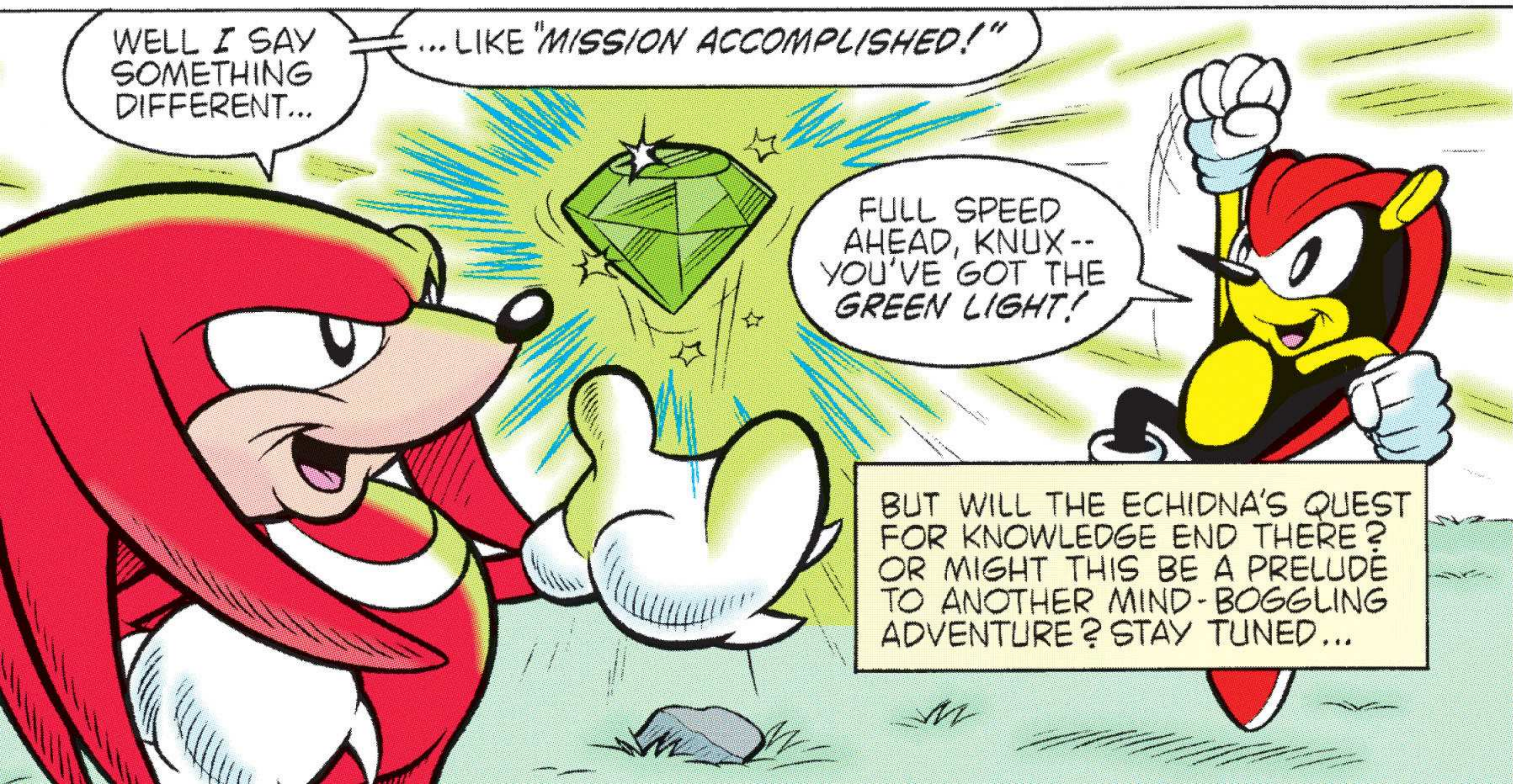
IS THAT
WHAT "THEY"
SAY?



WELL I SAY
SOMETHING
DIFFERENT...

...LIKE "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!"

FULL SPEED
AHEAD, KNUX--
YOU'VE GOT THE
GREEN LIGHT!



BUT WILL THE ECHIDNA'S QUEST
FOR KNOWLEDGE END THERE?
OR MIGHT THIS BE A PRELUDE
TO ANOTHER MIND-BOGGLING
ADVENTURE? STAY TUNED...

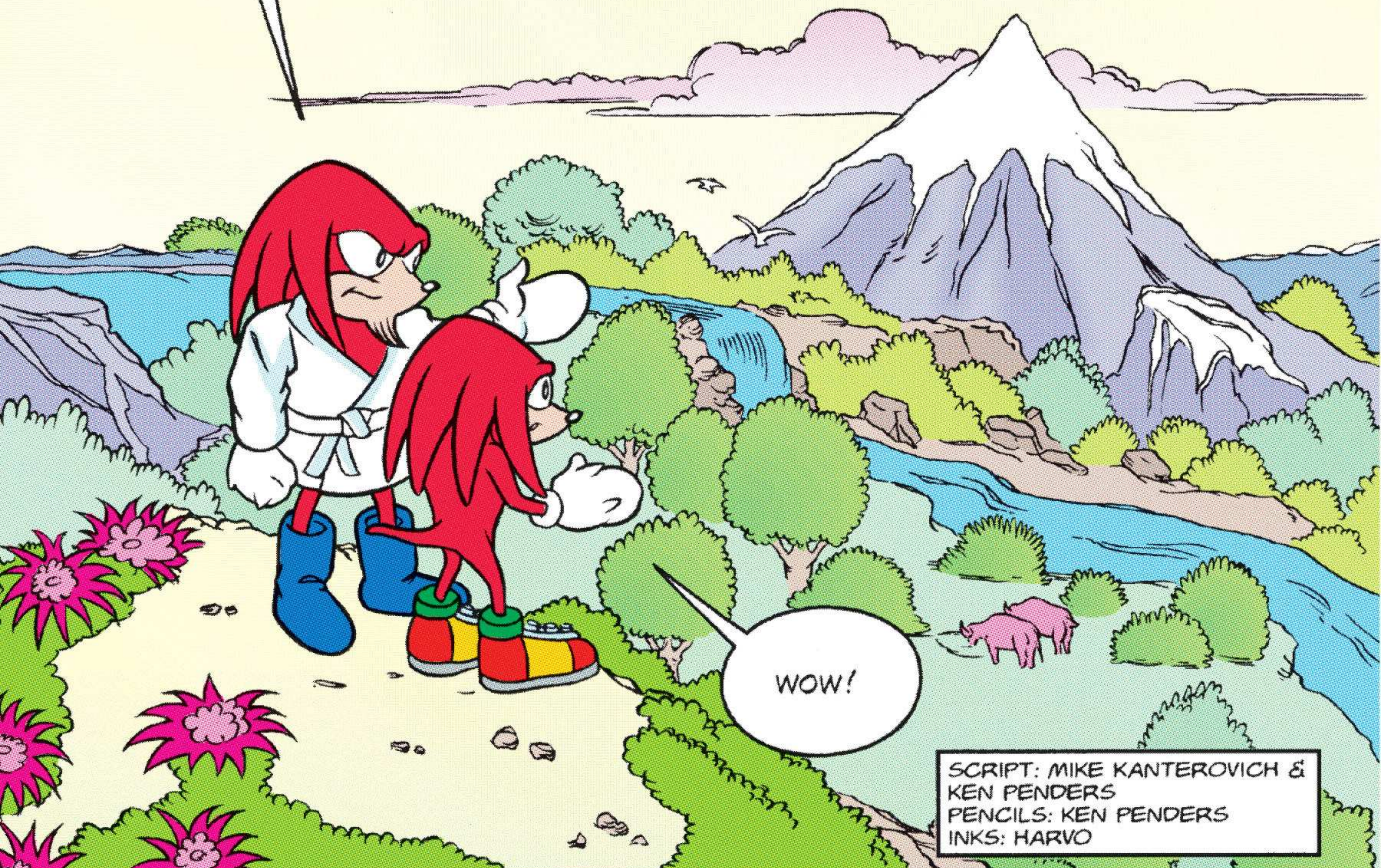
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... AND SOME DAY
SOON, MY SON, IT'LL
FALL ONTO YOUR
SHOULDERS--

-- THE MANTLE OF
GUARDIAN OF THE
FLOATING ISLAND--

-- AND YOU ALONE
WILL BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR ALL THAT LIES
AROUND YOU!



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YES, IT IS AN AWESOME
TASK-- HANDED DOWN THROUGH
THE GENERATIONS FROM
OUR ANCESTORS!

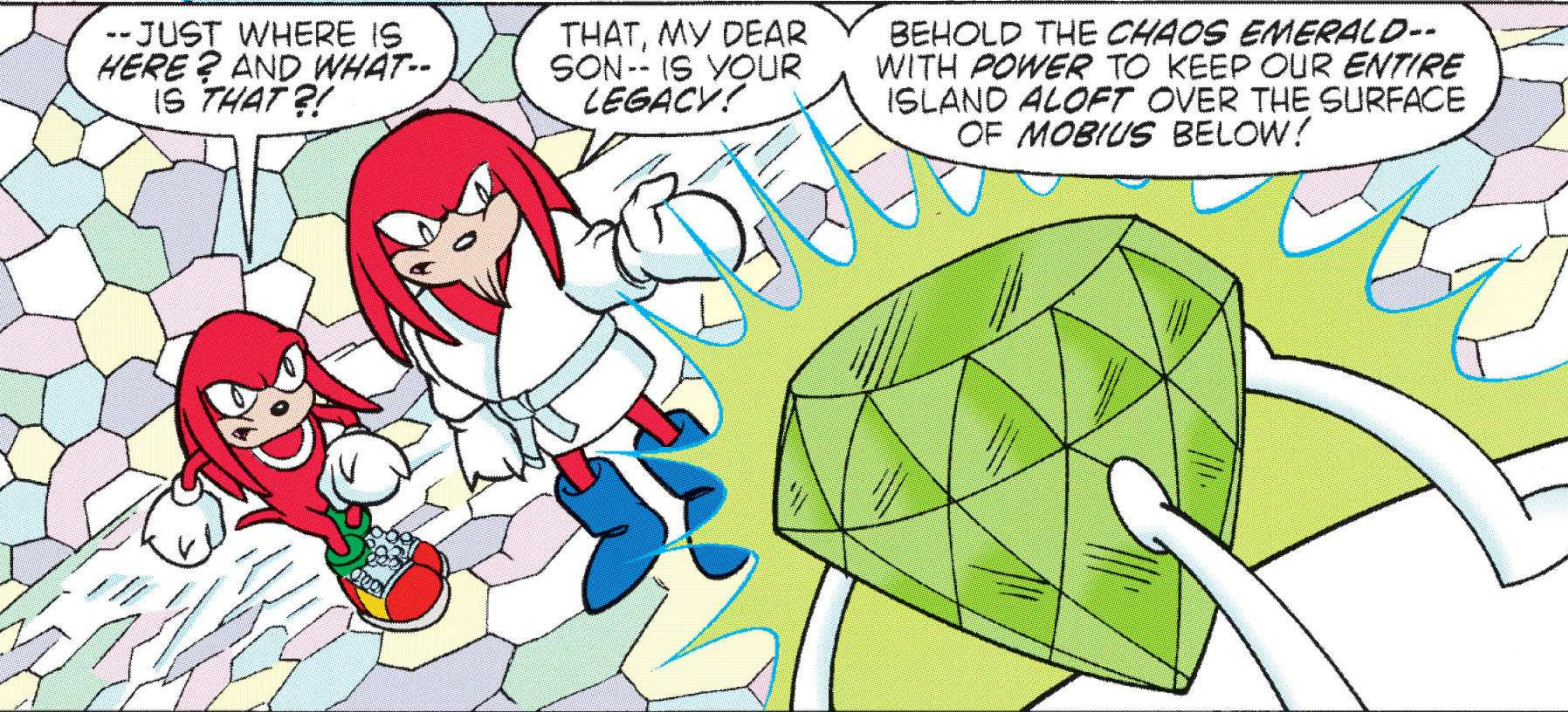
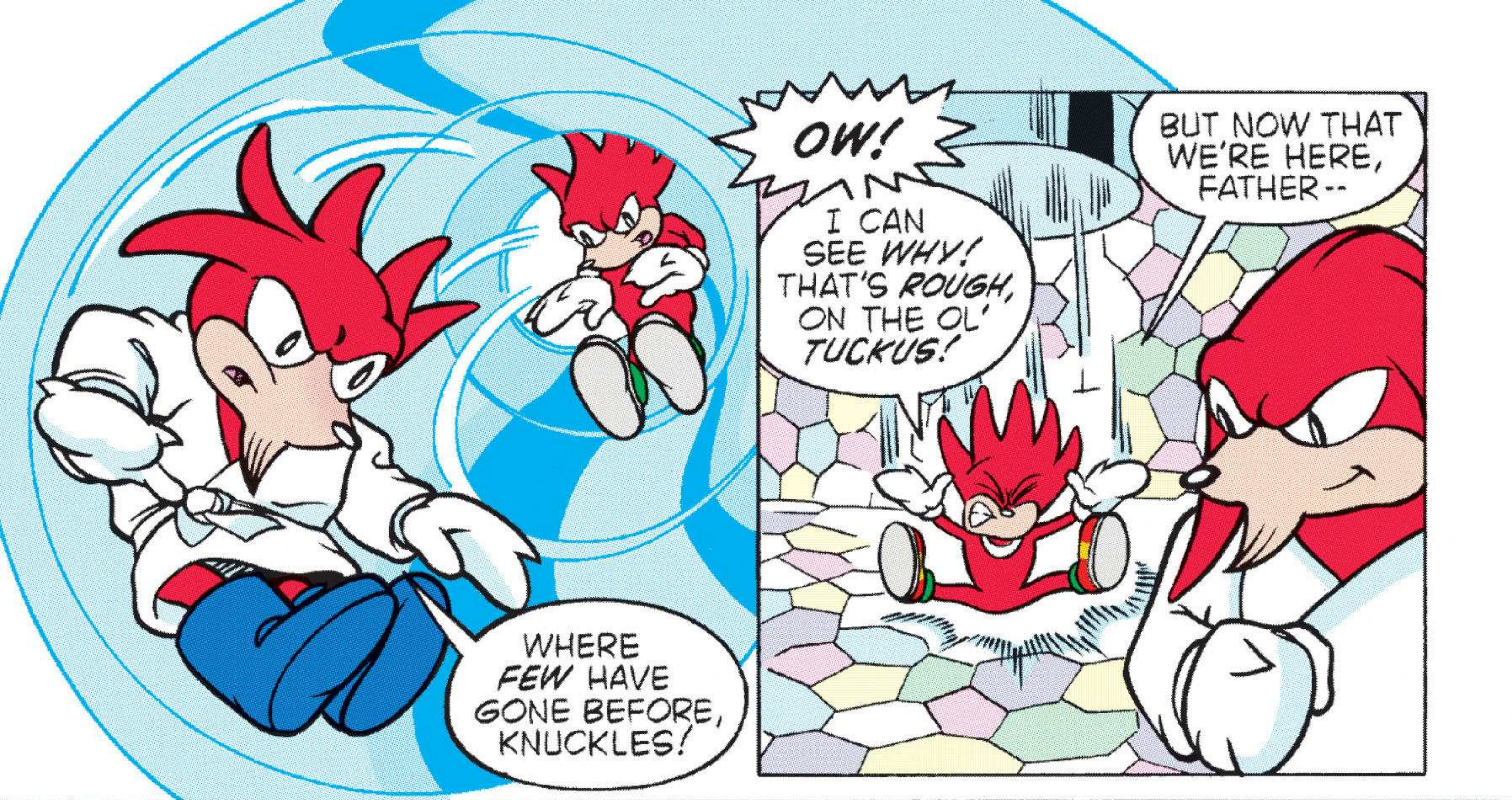
NOW,
FOLLOW
ME--

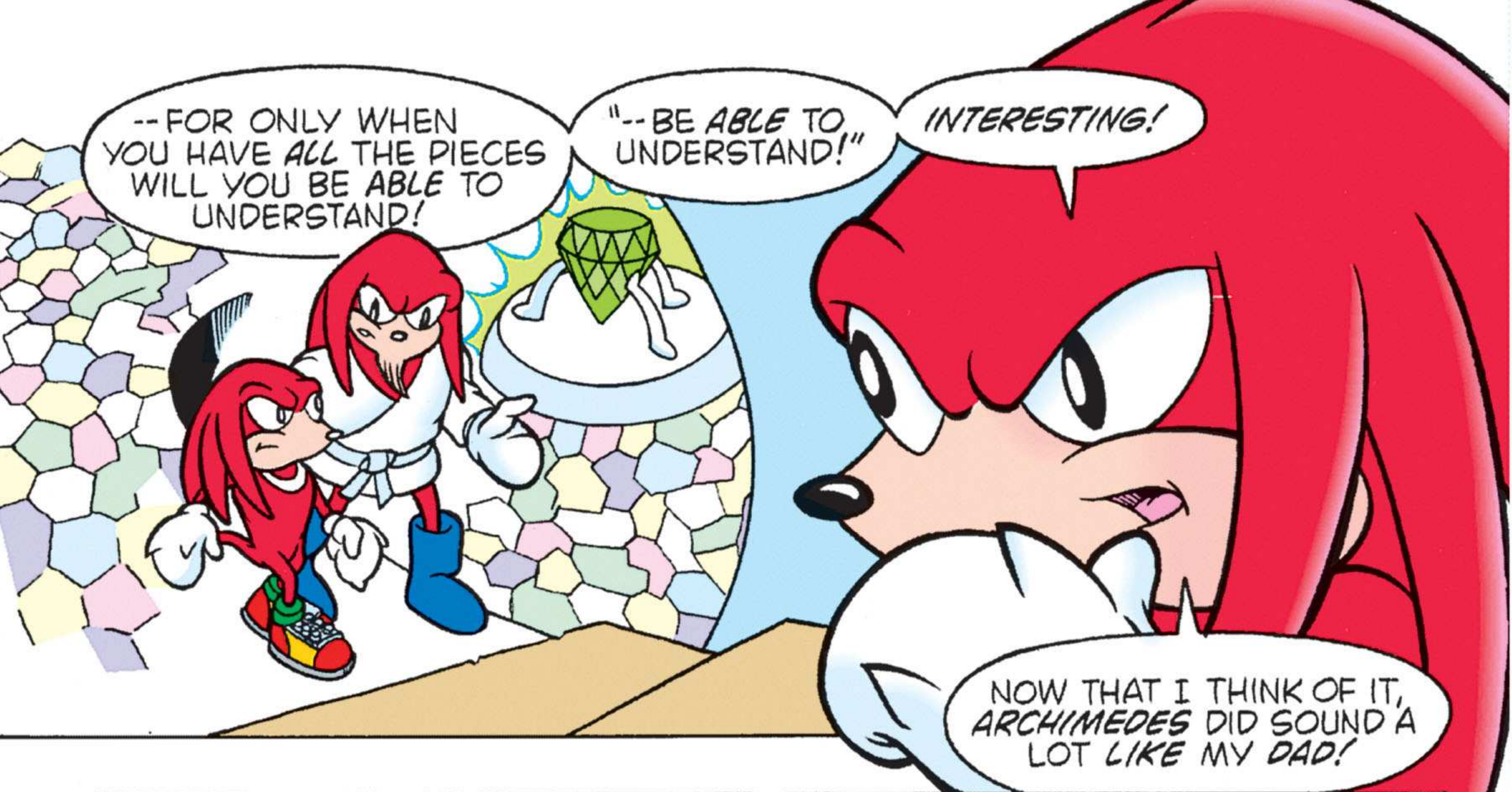
-- FOR THIS
IS WHAT IT'S
ALL ABOUT!

A SECRET
PASSAGE?

TO
WHERE,
FATHER?

TO
ZOOT
CHUTE





--FOR ONLY WHEN YOU HAVE ALL THE PIECES WILL YOU BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND!

"--BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND!"

INTERESTING!

NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, ARCHIMEDES DID SOUND A LOT LIKE MY DAD!

TO BE MORE SPECIFIC--THE WORDS SOUNDED LIKE DAD, BUT THE SOUND OF ARCHIMEDES' VOICE SOUNDED--

--WELL, DIFFERENT!

COULD THAT MEAN THAT--
NAH, IT COULDN'T BE--

THERE'S NO WAY DAD COULD'VE--

BESIDES, THIS ISN'T HELPING ME FIND THE CHAOTIX!*

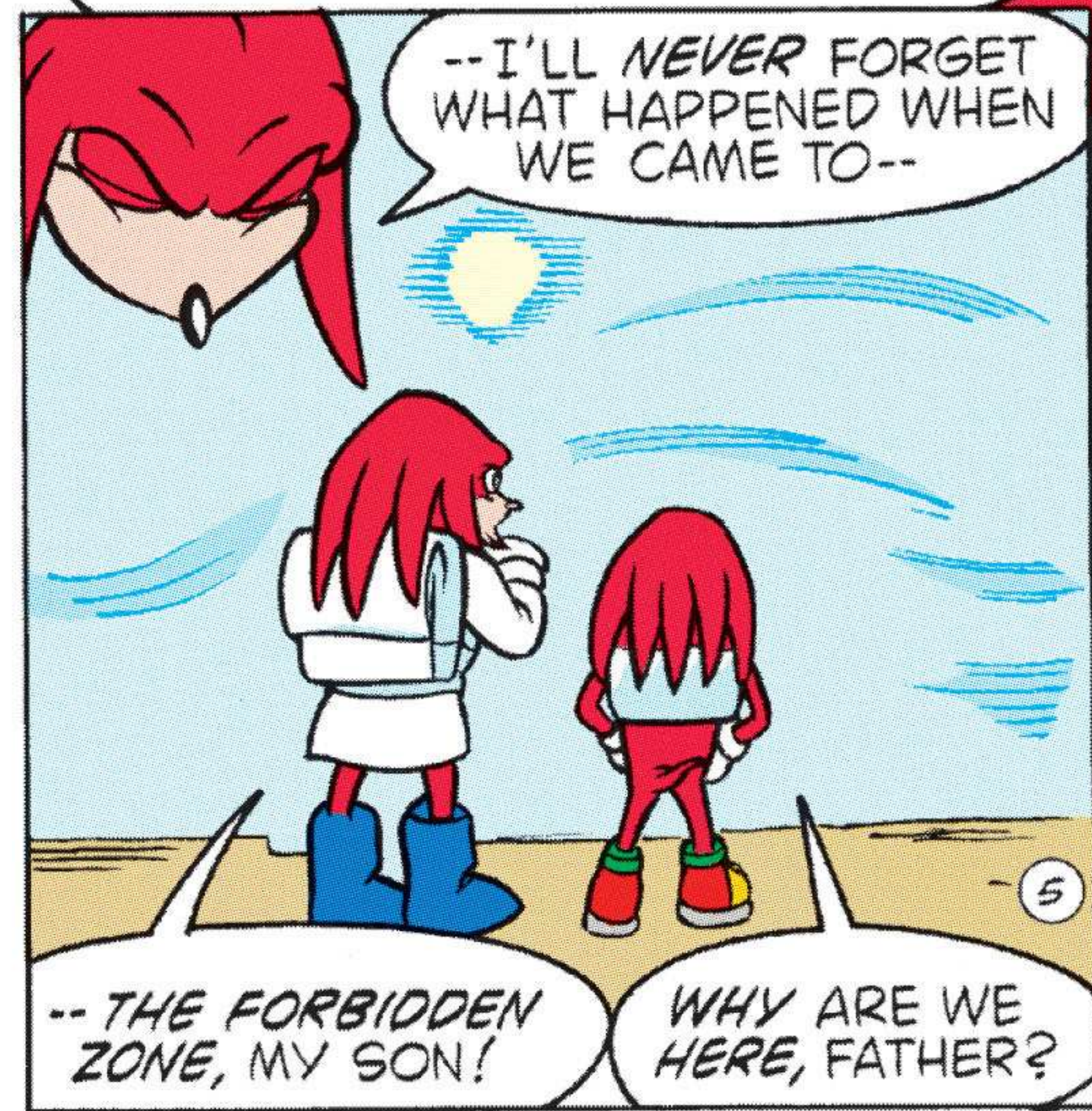
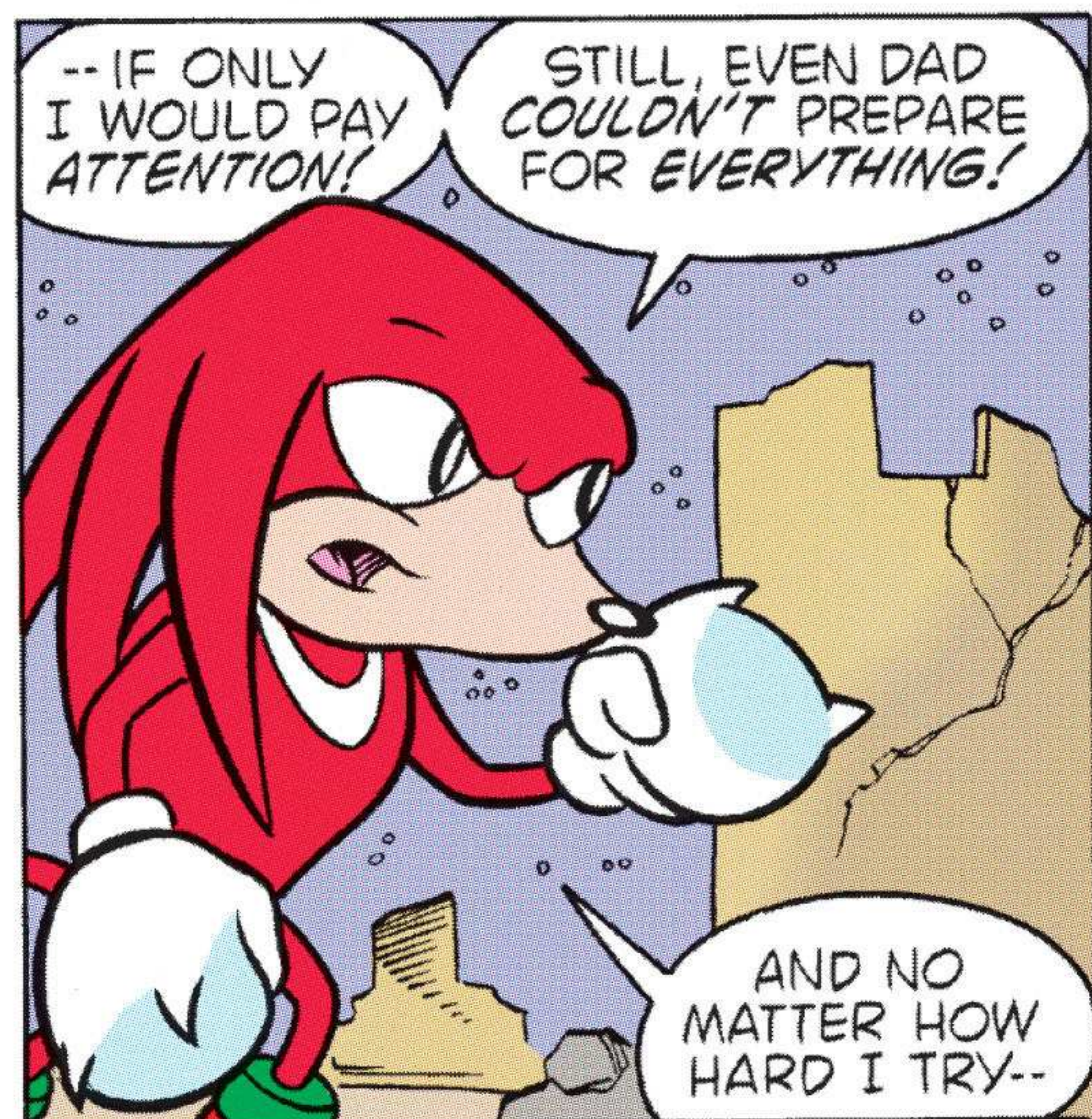
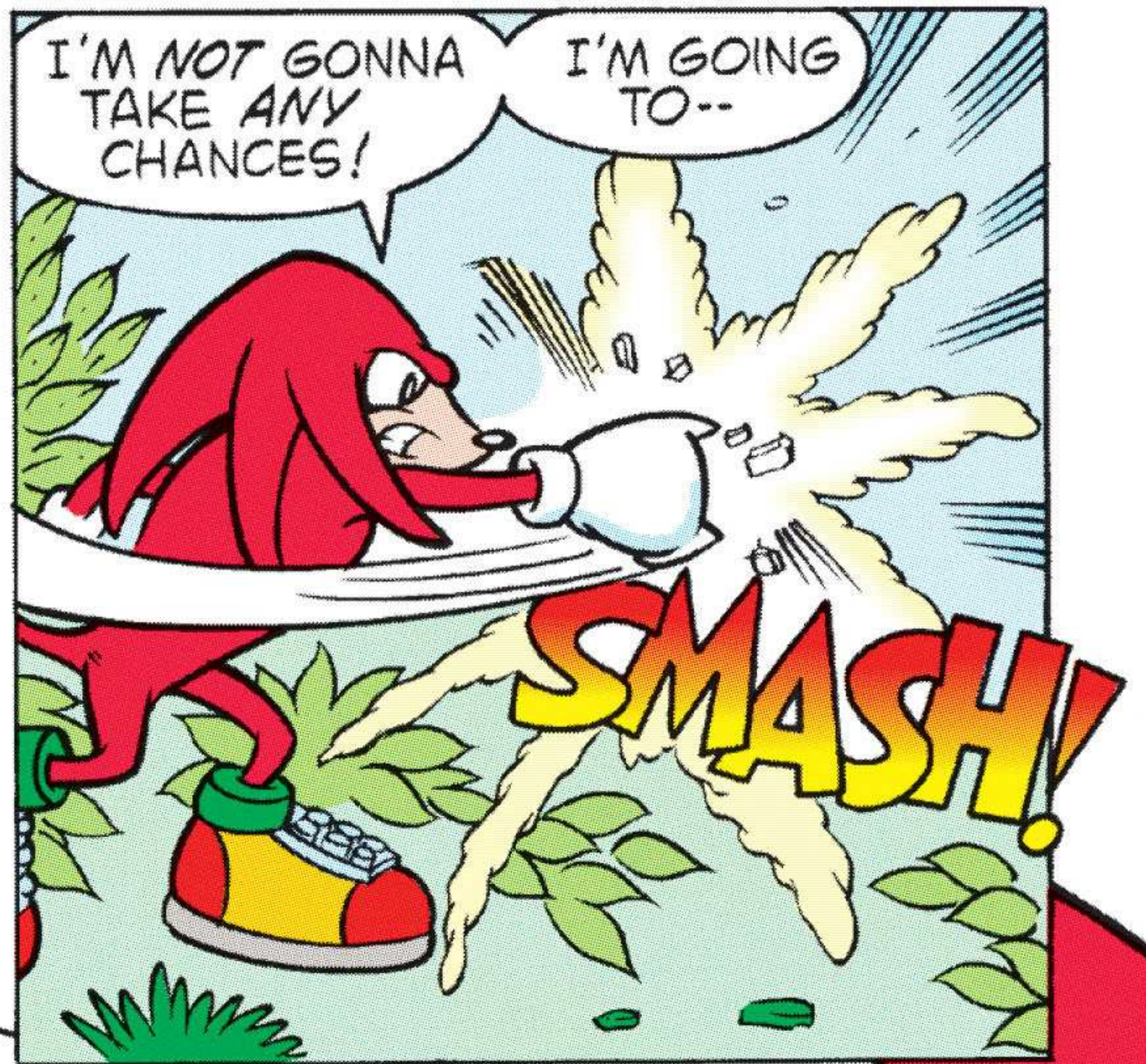
BLUNDERING AROUND, HOWEVER, ISN'T GONNA DO A FAT LOT OF GOOD EITHER!

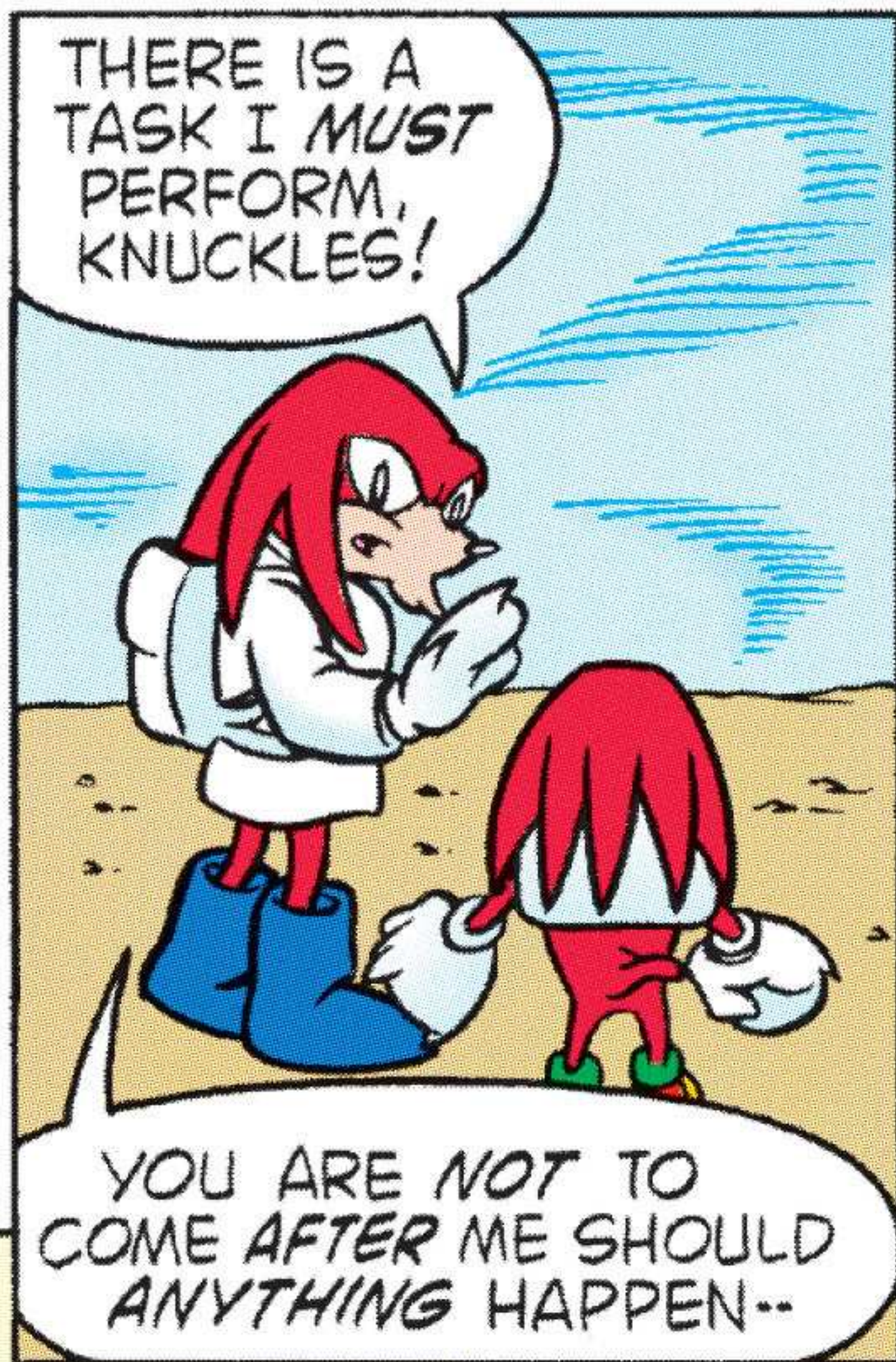
DAD WOULD EXPECT ME TO USE MY HEAD AND THINK--

--STUDY THE PROBLEM BEFORE YOU--

* THEY WERE KIDNAPPED IN KNUCKLES' CHAOTIX SPECIAL #1--EDITOR







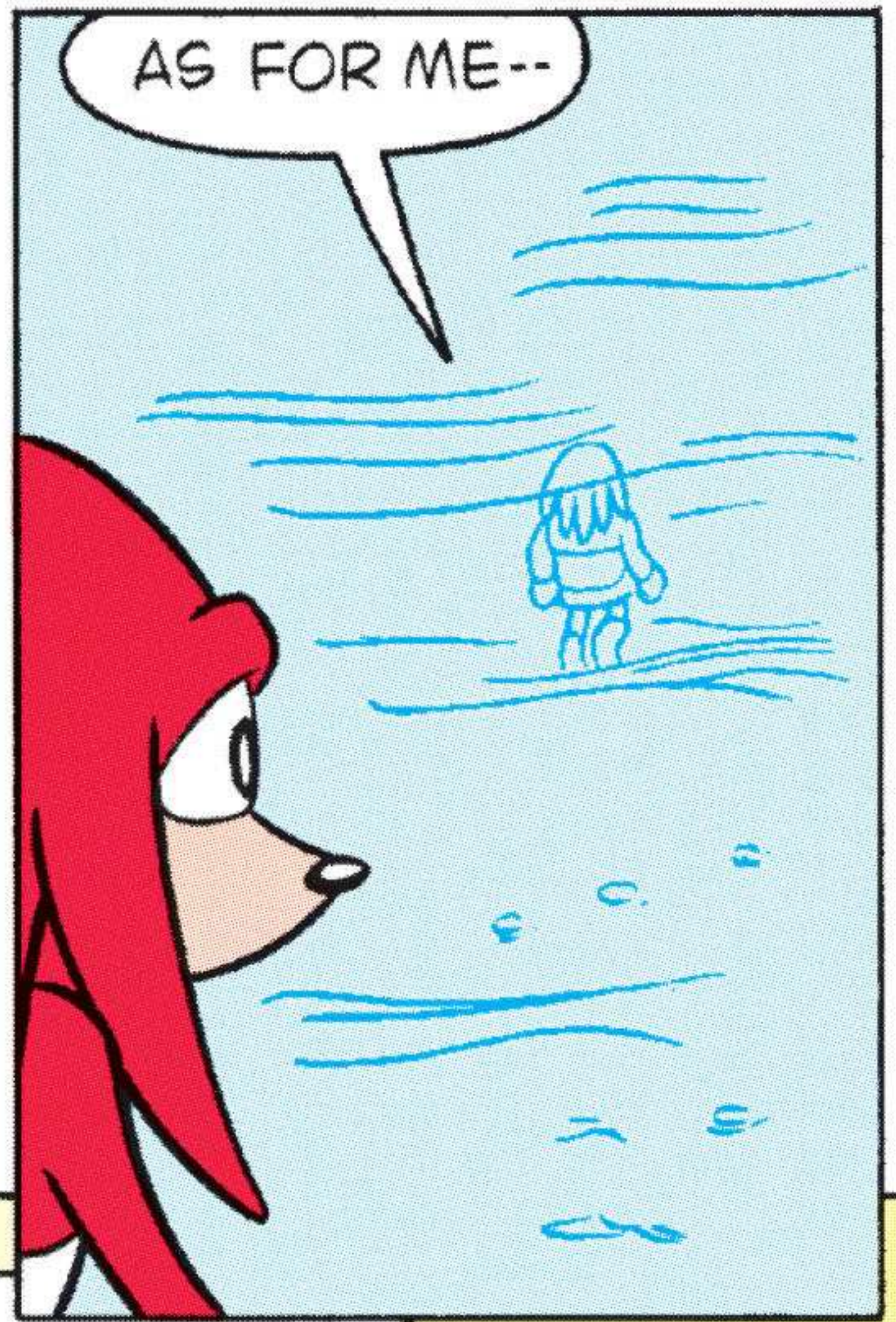
THERE IS A TASK I **MUST** PERFORM, KNUCKLES!

YOU ARE *NOT* TO COME AFTER ME SHOULD ANYTHING HAPPEN--



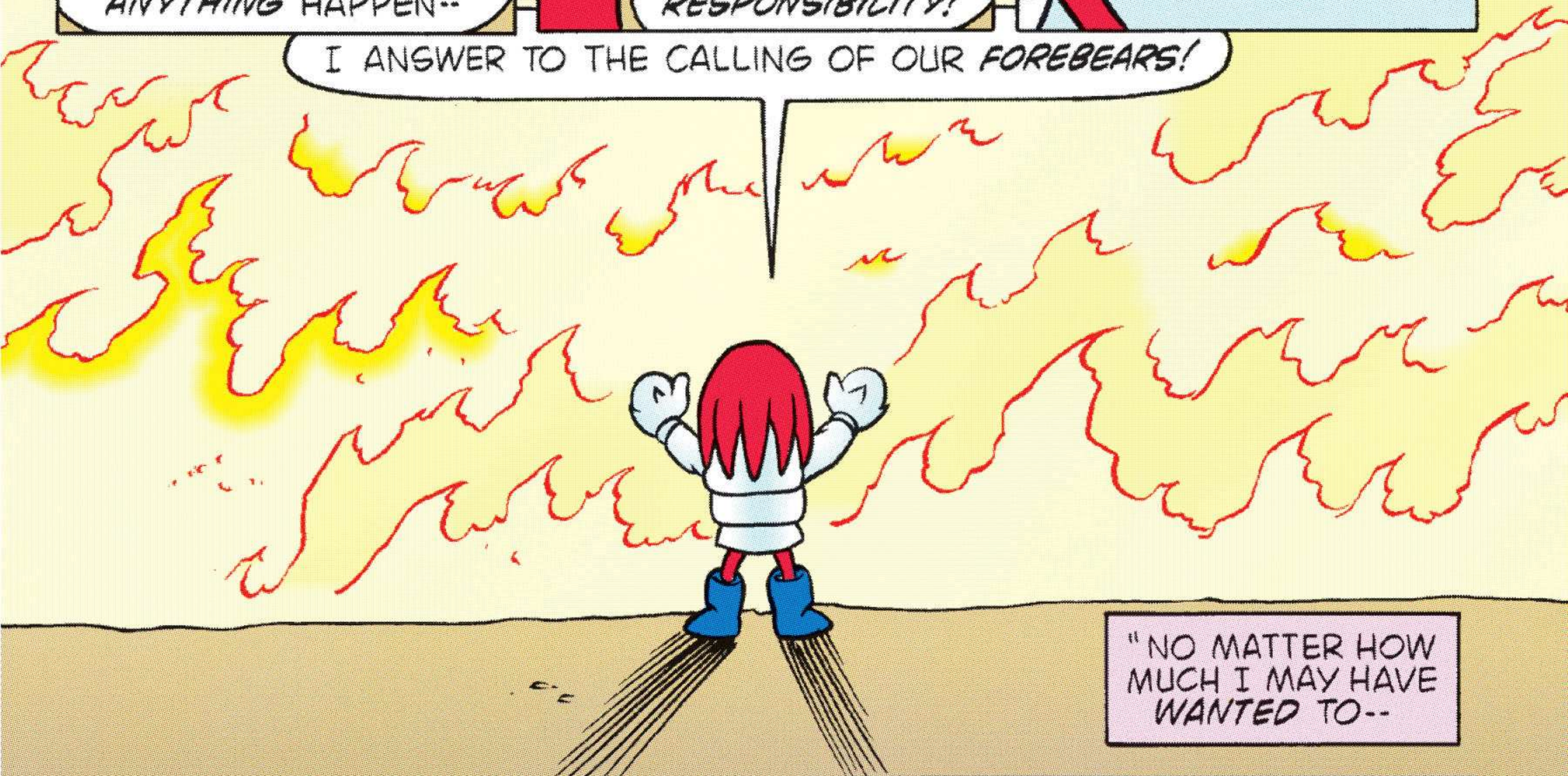
--FOR *ONLY* YOU CAN CARRY ON AS **GUARDIAN**!

THAT IS YOUR **RESPONSIBILITY**!

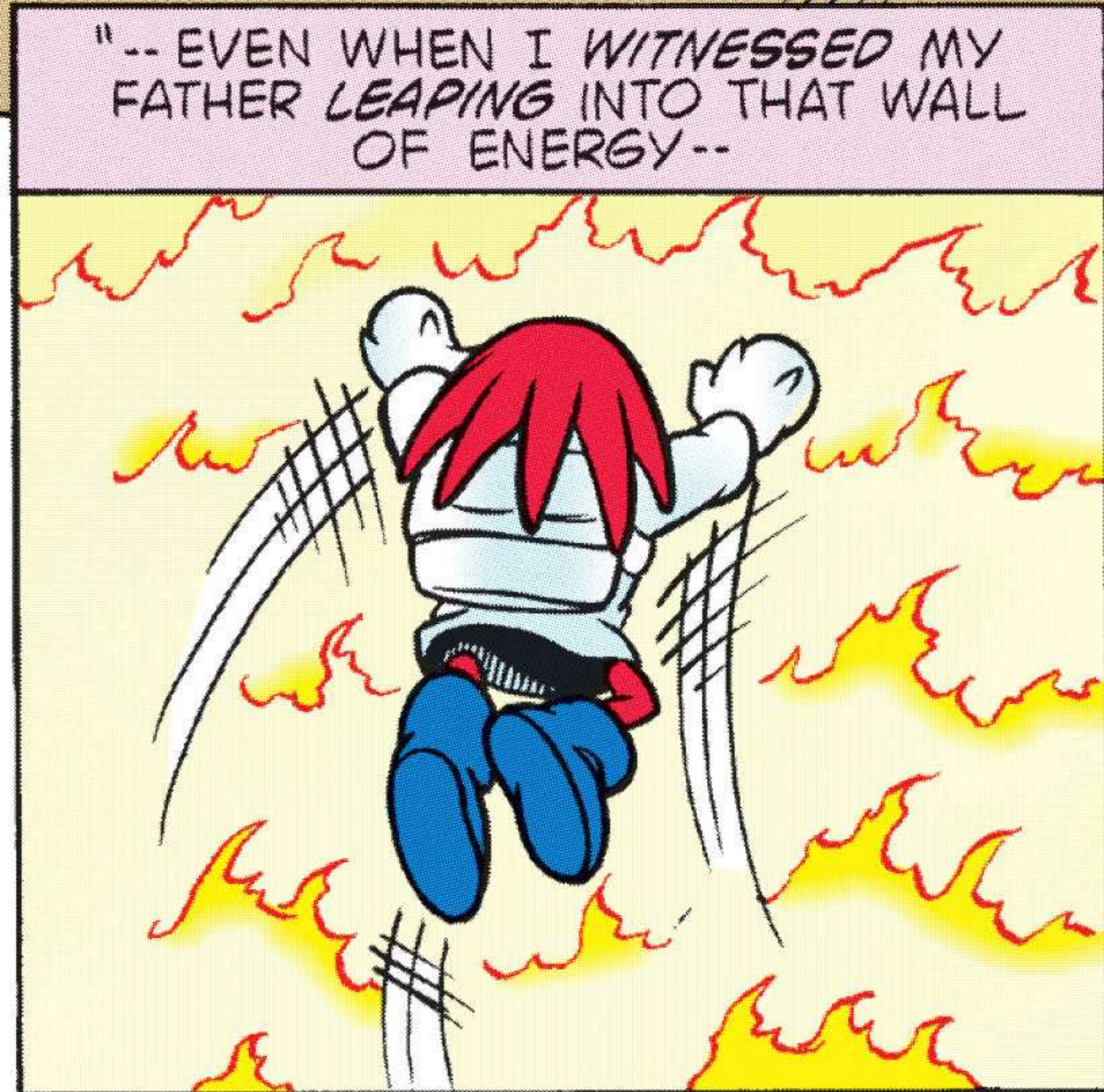


AS FOR ME--

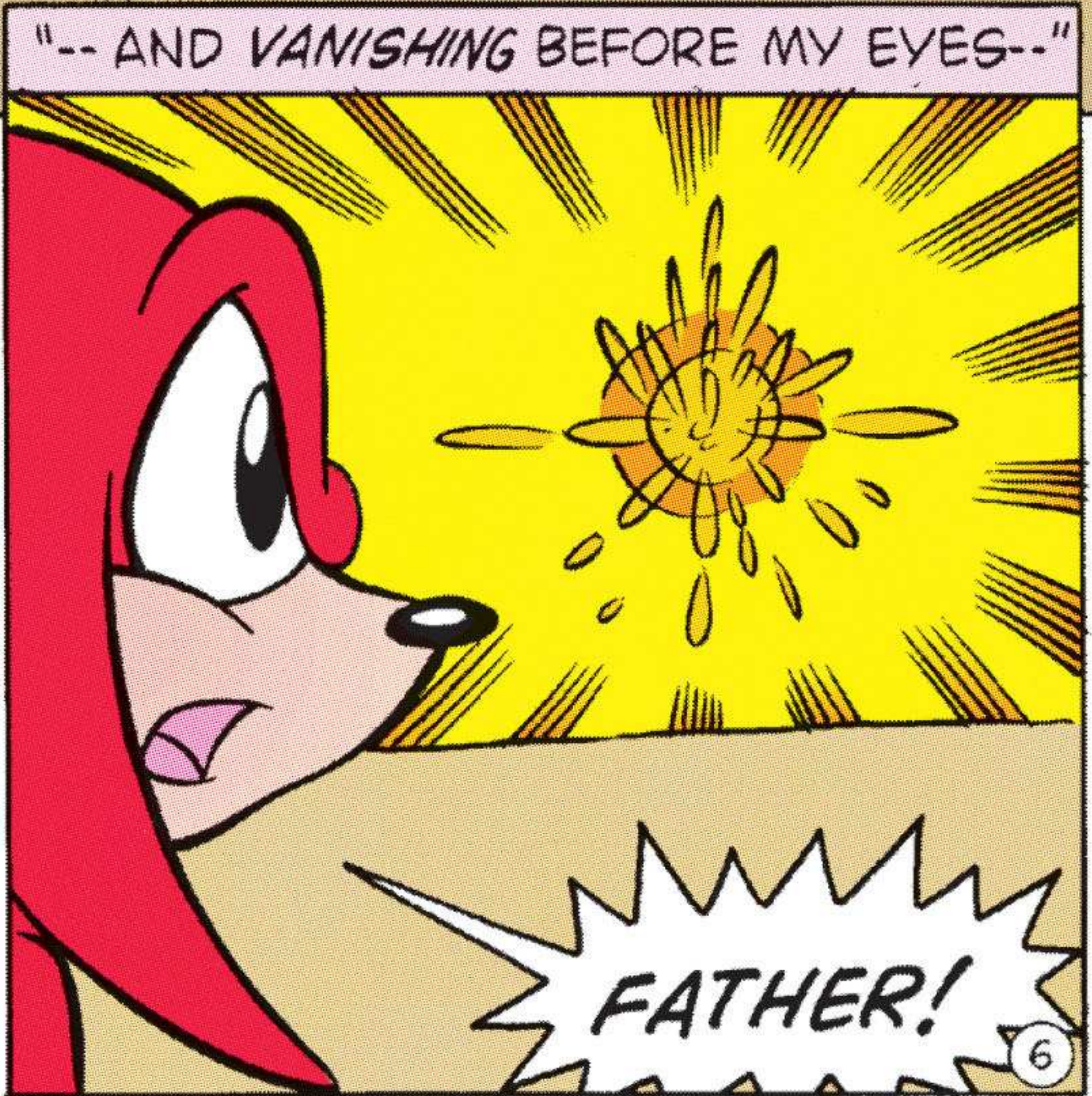
I ANSWER TO THE CALLING OF OUR **FOREBEARS**!



"NO MATTER HOW MUCH I MAY HAVE WANTED TO--



"-- EVEN WHEN I WITNESSED MY FATHER LEAPING INTO THAT WALL OF ENERGY--



"-- AND VANISHING BEFORE MY EYES--"

FATHER!

-- I STAYED
MY GROUND AND
HONORED MY FATHER'S
WISHES!

IT WAS THE
HARDEST THING
I'D EVER DONE--

BUT IF MY DAD
COULD MAKE SACRIFICES
TIME AFTER TIME--

-- THEN HOW COULD I
NOT DO LIKEWISE?

IT WASN'T ANY
PICNIC FOR AWHILE
AFTER THAT!

I'D KEEP
FINDING NEW WAYS
TO MESS UP!

LIKE, ALLOWING
ROBOTNIK TO
MAKE A DUPE
OUTTA ME!*

* REFER TO THE CLASSIC "THIS ISLAND
HEDGEHOG" IN SONIC #13 - EDITOR

THINGS GOT SO BAD I HAD
TO DEPEND ON THAT STUPID
HEDGEHOG TO SAVE MY TAIL!

AND WHEN HE SUGGESTED
I FORM THE CHAOTIX
INTO A TEAM...*

SLAM!

WHAM!

* CHECK OUT "THE CHAOS EFFECT" IN
KNUCKLES' CHAOTIX SPECIAL #1 - EDITOR



...I LET MY *PRIDE* GET IN THE WAY
AND *SUGGESTED* OTHERWISE!

I *DIDN'T* WANT TO ADMIT IT
WAS *TIME* TO *GROW UP*--



-- THAT NO MATTER WHAT I
DID, I *COULDN'T* ESCAPE THE
RESPONSIBILITIES THAT HAD
BEEN HANDED DOWN TO ME!

MY DAD DID HIS *BEST*
TO TEACH ME --

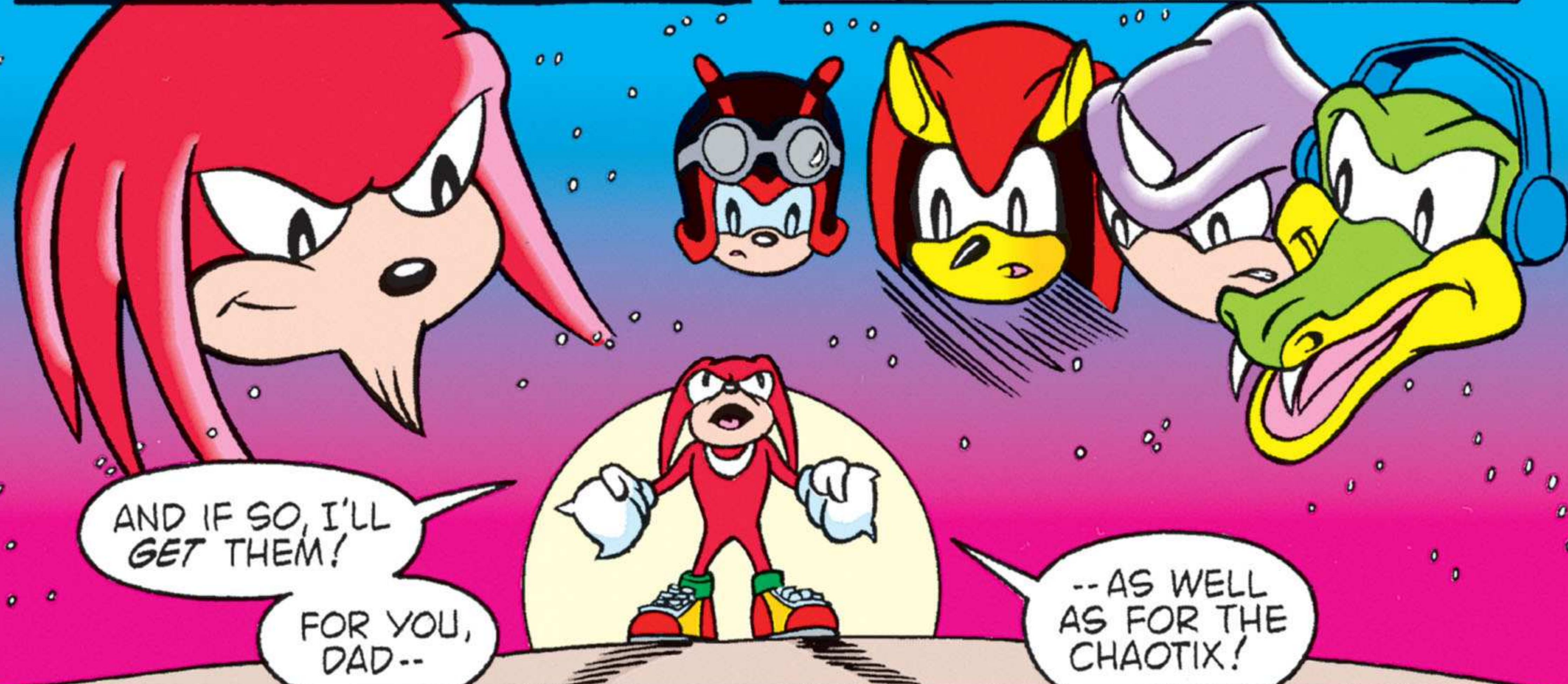


--BUT EVEN HE
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT
HE *COULDN'T* TEACH
ME *EVERYTHING*--



--THAT SOME OF MY ANSWERS
LAY *ELSEWHERE* --

-- AND IT'S MORE THAN
LIKELY THIS *ARCHIMEDES* HAS
A FEW OF THOSE ANSWERS!



AND IF SO, I'LL
GET THEM!

FOR YOU,
DAD--

-- AS WELL
AS FOR THE
CHAOTIX!

YOU'LL LEARN THE ANSWERS, DEAR READER, AS *KNUCKLES'* STORY CONTINUES
IN THE PAGES OF SONIC ARCHIVES!